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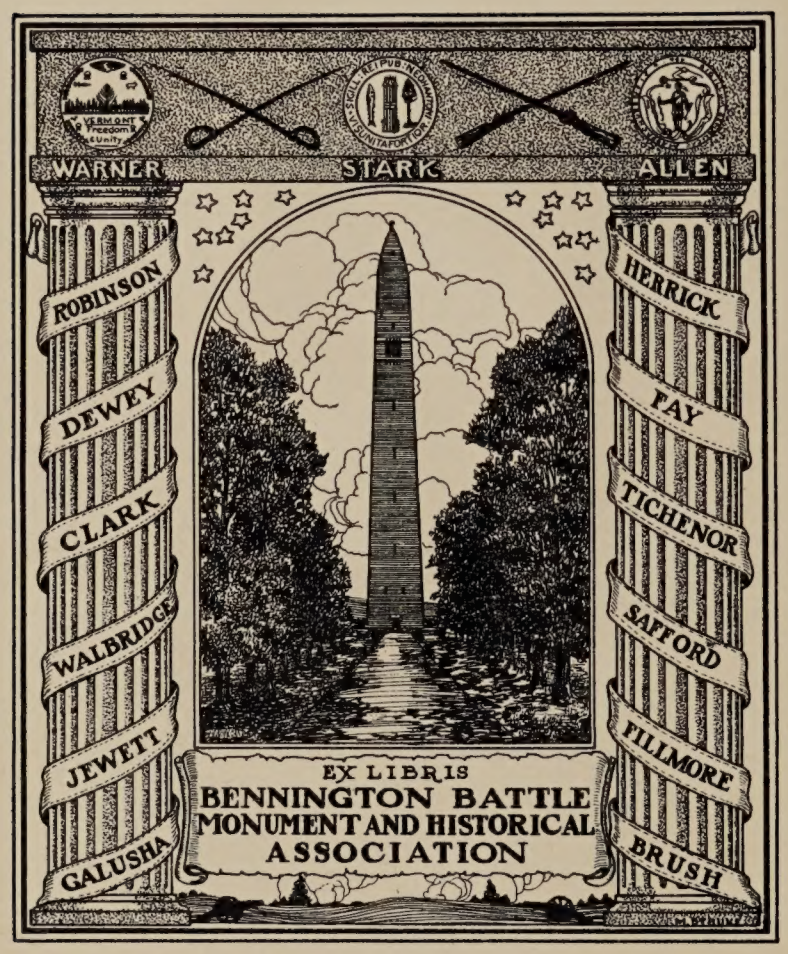
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MONDAY, APRIL 19th Busy about repairing fences - Ingrafted the peach plumb into the great sort of damsons - See May 30th Searg't Hiram Harwood of the 11th Reg't U.S.Inf made us a visit. Mr Ira Harwood's family much distress by sickness.

2 TUESDAY, APRIL 20th Spring wheat sown. Saw in the Vermont Mirror that evening, at Mr Montague's, the celebrated forged correspondence between Mr Barlow, Cadore and Madison. The very sudden death of Tho's Jewett Wright happened this day. Weather extremely warm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21st., Rainy - Quite a tolerable fast. Would have ingrafted plum had the weather permitted - in fact did do something at it. Read Cobbette on American affairs with great pleasure. Had now learned enough of drawing the bow to groan out the balance of a tune. Mr Locke retired with me to my chamber to hear me .

3 Thursday, APRIL 22nd Worked for Mr Parson's - Miss S.Stone very lively and sociable. Mr Jona Anthony - quaker moved into the neighborhood with a considerable family. Snow still Seen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd Ploughed Elisha Waters' garden. Rather down in the mouth - Saw a scull bone at Dr Swift's. Chilly rains

SATURDAY, APRIL 24th Cut cions for ingrafting apple trees - Was at Mr Parson's a few moments in the evening. Miss Stone in fine spirits.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25th Wrote a letter to Mr Luther Smith. Pughkeepsie, N.Y.

From April 26th to April 30th gardening and
4 and sowing spring grain - successfully pursued - Put in about 40 acres of apple tree fruit in the young orchard. Mr Ira Harwood's youngest daughter very sick during this period. Had the pleasure of gallanting home the Misses Norton Thurs'y evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 1st Opened to us a fair prospect after a fair warm rain - Looked to the N. and sighed for peace. Ah' behold how the scene is changed - one year previous to this date & innocent peace pervaded our happy land - parent's were not mourning the loss of sons in the tented fields nor children the loss of fathers - Sieges and battles had not then begun - all was serenity & gaiety
5 Now, war and pestilence have supplanted those halcyon days - How can we view the rising fragrance of this season, and see nature sporting in all her rich and comely equipage, and not mourn the melancholy contrast which is presented on turning our eyes towards that dreadful vortx of jarring interests which hath finally ended in universal Warfare throughout the civilized world.

SUNDAY, MAY 2d An innocent day as to exercise. Mr Locke, Mr Elisha Smith and Miss Laura Norton were at J.Harwood's in the evening & requested my presence, which I chose to withold on account of not having changed apparel. Mr Harwood's child danger
6 ously ill. Very busy reading newspapers.

MONDAY (MAY 3d) evening about 9 o'clock departed this life, after an illness of days, the latter stages of which was

most excruciating, Fanny, third and youngest daughter of Mr Ira and Mrs Theodosia Harwood, aged 20 months. Watched the corps in company with Mr Bliss and Miss Lydia House who were very sociable, but for my own part felt extremely cast down - on some accounts.

TUESDAY, MAY 4th The remains of little Fanny were (res) were interred - Mr Marsh made a short and appropriate address. Waited upon several ladies to their respective homes - The weather was rainy. Was informed at Capt Norton's
7 of a letter having been received from Mr John Norton Jun'r, d ated at Charleston, S.C., which left him in health on the 6th April - had received mine of Feb. 2nd - Vol 2d p .

WEDNESDAY (April) MAY, 5th In fixed melancholy - but that's nothing set some plum cions - preparations began for planti ing. Col Sam'l Robinson's funeral was thisnday attended - died at the age of 74 - One of the brightest characters of the Revolution. The greatness of his soul outshome all his faults - Still continued to the hour of his death a firm friend to his injured country.

WEDNESDAY,MAY 6th A
8 young man had tarried over night with us who had had had the prevailing fever from which he had in part recovered - and then was seized with the measles,from which likewise he had been in a measure relieved,but being on his way from Bennington to his father's in Pownal it being cold and rainy and night coming on, he sought and obtained a tolerable retreat under our roof - was so hoarse as to disable him from speaking louder than a low whisper. Named Fosburg. Mother was very kind to him. Wrote family records in the Great Bible. Vainly attempted to fiddle away ~~dullness~~ dull cares. Miss Ruth Harwood rec'd a letter from her brother, Clark A. Harwood
9 Whitestown, dated in April. Himself and brother Abijah, who was then at S. Harbour, both ill.

THURSDAY, MAY 6th Con'd cold and rainy from S.E.

MAY 8th & 9th & SUNDAY 10th Walling in these days except the last,on which wrote a letter to Lieut H.A.Fay - in which I gave my opinion concerning the continuance and cause of the war with remarks on those who opposed it, news &c. Trees began to appear green aboutnthis time - say 8th.

TUESDAY, MAY 11th I hired grandfather Church to plough for me while in the act of settinf a few cions - Pittsenboroughs' chiefly. Sent on the letter for L't Fay to J. Robinson - ready to start
10 for eggs. Took down the old fiddle at night which I thought might have administered great satisfaction to my mind had I been master of it. The first news of Little York being taken reached us now. Too cool to be Pleas't

WEDNESDAY evening,12th inst. More news concerning the capture of Litt'l York - which elevated the drooping spirits of our countrymen

FRIDAM, MAY 14th Potatoes plant'd

SATURDAY, MAY 15th Rather a backward season - plums & cherries in blossom - Apple tree leaves in full.

SUNDAY, MAY 16th Rainy indeed - Read a few passages in the Apocrypha. Ec's 9th - 10th and 11th - Ist Judith

11 MONDAY, MAY 17th Fine weather forepart of the day - improved in ingrafting in co with Dr J. Harwood - of whose four or five set by him one or none lived. Planted corn, P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 18th Hard frosts about this time - planting corn was persevered in too - Met with some disappointment respecting a walk with some ladies in the neighborhood.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th Worked for Erastus Montague on a piece of ground which he hired of father for the purpose ofmplanting broom corn. Walked home with him - and afterwards concluded to go with
12 him to pay Mr Locke a visit at Capt S.Squire's, which however we did not do,but walked into Dr Swift's office. There saw Dr Wright, Moses D.Robinson and Mr Heman Swift, who all set in against me on politics - attempting to prove that G. Britian had a right by the law of nations to impress her seamen wherever found. Mr Swift told me if I wished to consult authorities on the subject to peruse Vattel where that position was incontestibly proved. Mr Robinson stated his reasons in a very methodical manner for supposing Mr Madison & others to be under French influence. I met their arguments with all the ingenuity contained in my humble store
13 Allowing it to be correct that impressments might be continued as usual by the British - asked either of those gentlemen if in case they were through mistake seized as English subjects on board a merchant vessel of the U.S.on the high seas, whether it would not be considered a most egregious mistake ? They said they should - but did not thing G. B. would ever yield the point - the war would not remedy it. In some points I agreed with them - particularly respecting the conduct of the French gov't. I did not like its shuffling chicanery better than themselves. I ~~would~~ could
14 hear them patiently excepting the talk of French influence which always appeared to me in so flat and silly a light that I have been astonished at the wilful credulity of those professing to believe it; and was much sickened with it this evening.

My good friend Montague was not a little elated at hearing his own side of the question so ably defended - rejoiced at my having fallen into such a luminous compan'y of Fed'ts.

It was rumoured that Gen Harrison had been defeated.

THURSDAY, MAY 20th A few more cions were set. Hard frost at night.

FRIDAY,MAY 21st and SATURDAY 22d Walling was going forward pretty well
15 Politics were sometimes discoursed on quite warmly with Mr Montague, our chief-engineer. Serg't Wm Smedley - 30th R. 12 months men, paid us a visit. Weekly Aur'a of the 19th brought us some good political pieces from Cobbett and documents concerning the Princess of Wales. Apple trees began to blossom. The season had been unusually backwards for several days previous to this, which was the first real warm day seen this spring.

SUNDAY, MAY 23d Made Mr Parsons an eve'g visit. Mr West and his lady , Mr Anthony and his lady, were likewise there. Conversation wss lively on politics and various subjects .

16 Monday, MAY 24th Washed sheep at Court House bridge. Nath'l Locke went with us. Visited the encampment of the 30th Reg.

TUESDAY, MAY 25th Gov Robinson was considered very dangerously ill - his life despaired of. Mr Montague was likewise thought to be in a dangerous ~~condition~~ situation. Sickness very preva-

1813 lent among children.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26th Gov. Robinson departed this life in the afternoon of this day, 72 years of age. The weather presented good prospects.

THURSDAY, MAY 27TH Good news came from Harrison - The seige of Fort Meigs raised - Miss Lydia Harwood taken sick this PM brought on by hard work, and some heedlessness.

17 FRIDAY, MAY 28th The funer'l of gov. Robinson was appointed at 1 o'clock P.M.but did not give my attendance till past 2. The sermon was preached by Mr Marsh from Psalms 35 C 35Oin a solemn and impressive style. Saw and conversed with Locke awhile at Squires'. Borrowed some Philadelphia papers at Haswell's. Several officers of Col J. E.Robinson's Reg't were exercising themselves in military tactics under his command. Had music which I was invited to join but refused - 200 of Col E. Fassett's regulars of the 30th Inf'y marched up from their encamp't making a very fine appearance.

18 Borrowed A.Stiles Jun'rs flute. Lydia's sickness not abated.

SATURDAY, MAY 29th Sheep sheering. News arrived that gen. Wilkinson had taken F't Mobile. Charlotte Harwood dang'y sick.

SUNDAY, MAY 30th Went to Mr Montagie's - saw and conversed with Mrs Montague who talked like a person preparing to leave the world - she appeared not to retain the most distant hope of recovery Asked me why I had not been to see her oftener,and whether I had not for gotten her. Manifested very great anxiety about the future welfare of her children,of whom two were absent among her friends in Massachusetts, but never had the pleasure of seeing them,altho' she strongly desired it

19 Miss L. Waters & self that eve'g walked to Mr Parsons'whose people were more than usually sociable with Miss W.

S.

I will now notice the ingrafting which I performed in April and this month - Of the plum cions none lived - Apple trees 2/3ds survived - those did best which I cut from the tree fresh - those which were cut early were preserved in potatoes in the cellar and I suppose were robbed of their juices by being exposed to the air, dried up, several of them, after they were set. - Dr J.Harwood tried his skill in the art but did not succeed very well. Turn to Ap'l

20 19th 21st 26th to 30th May 5th 11th 17th and 20th

MONDAY, MAY 31ST Father and I drove 7 head of cattle and 50 sheep to Ellis Doty's in Wilmington. Travelled on foot except about 2 miles the whole route - Refreshed at a spring 2 miles E. of Perry's - began to rain as we were descending the hill W. of D. River bridge - father had his great coat with him, I had none - he went on, and I halted and took shelter in a barn - became impatient - went into the gentleman's house to which the barn appertained, solicited a great coat promising to return it the next day, could not comply - the man was gone from

21 home and had his own with him - had no other to share - saw two large sized well shaped young ladys at this house, of whom one, poor girl, complained of the tooth ache. Mr Doty's people informed me that it was at Mr Johnson's that I saw those ladies. Soon after leaving Mr J's it ceased storming and began to grow cold very fast - having hailed or snowed during its continuance. Father had stop't at the bridge where I borrowed a loose coat of the keeper of the gate and riding double across the bridge to save footmen's toll went on to Mr D's with out further trouble, arriving there about an hour before sundown. All due atten'n paid us by Mrs D. and daugh-

t's.

22 TUESDAY, JUNE 1st Came from Doty's 7 in the morning - arrived at Perry's at 10 - in my way thither saw Capt and L't Safford - examining the road of which they are two of the proprietors, which certainly needed serious repairs. Left my horse at P's and came home on foot part of way cross lots, which I reached about 1 P.M. - dined and pre ceeded to McEowen's - joined Capt Blackmer's comp'y which had not embodied when first I appeared. The training was lively, had dull music from the drum but good from S.H.Blackmer's and another gents fifing.

Col Fassett's regulars marched

23 thro' town St in fine order. Hardfrost in Wilmington. Good W'r foll'd.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2ND Felt the effects of travelling on foot the preceding day and afterwards marching in Capt.B's comp'y.

The seaon within a few days had begun to wear a much more favorable aspect than it had done for the space of many days previous. Grain, grass and trees were slow in their progress.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JUNE 3d & 4th Worked on the highway. The taking of Fort George and attack on Sackett's Harbour was known here about this time. Friday E. J. Smith came to see and entertain us with fid'g.

24 SATURDAY, JUNE 5th Weather extremely warm - and so was Mr Montague on politicks while laying wall with father. The Army, Democrats and Canada were branded with the most infamous epithets.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th Read the Aur'a of June 2nd which contained the Prin cess of Wales' defense and French expose. Warm weat'r - Con'd

MONDAY, JUNE 7th Four hundred of Col Fassett's Reg rec'd orders to march to Burlington. Many of our citizens went down to the encampments to witness their departure, which took place in the P.M. in a brilliant manner. Worked with Jen'n Rodgers whom I hired - in a ledge, digg'g stone

25 TUESDAY, JUNE 8th A good deal rainy - in consequence of which several men, Mr Judd, Mr Duncan, Mr Montague and son were dismissed from building wall, business which we had much at heart - whole wall in the neighborhood of the great cold spring - intending the pasture which it enclosed on its S. side for a wheat field.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th Fair, bus's went on regularly - Borrowed Taggerts Political sermons preached Fast Day 1811. Talked with Dr Wright concerning Smith's defeat on L. Champ'n and concerning the Indians in the W'n country whom he did not blame for their conduct in prosecuting the war

26 THURSDAY 10th & FRIDAY the 11th JUNE Good weather and business went well - Hoed corn - 11th - Built wall - 10th - Mrs D.Harwood and her daugh'r Lydia visited Hoosick Falls on the 11th . Mr E. Smith played the Violin at our house that evening. Mr Clark Harwood from Putney arrived here this evening - unwell, having in the course of the winter been through a fit of sickness caused by the dreadful fever, which carried so many people out of world. Two No's of the Aur'a containing the Princess of Wales Defence and French Expose came by mail.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12th Read those papers. Grandfather summoned all his sons

1813 sons now at
27 his mansion before him and gave each a charge separately as from a dying (par't) parent, without reserve, speaking his mind in full. Uncle Clark being the eldest, after grandfather had finished his discourse, returned a very filial and respectful answer, for himself and in behalf of his breth'n.

MONDAY, JUNE 14th to SATURDAY, JUNE 19th Wet and warm weth'r caused a rapid progress of vegetation. First time of hoeing finish'd - A few more cions set, but never lived. The preceding Sunday evening took a walk round by West's to Parsons', where I saw Mr Mellen, and back again to the old place of abode. A hard thund'r show'r happened that eve'g

28 SUNDAY, JUNE 20th Rainy indeed. Pricked musical notes.

MONDAY, JUNE 21st Bad weath'r - Visited Capt Norton's shop - Mr John Norton Jun'r had arrived Sunday evening from Charlestown, S.C., Vide Vol 2nd - Feb 1st 1813 or thereabouts. - in good health and spirits. Walling was again going on.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22nd Was in company with a respectable young lady onlya short time in the evening, but from actions and appearances, concluded I was rather intruding upon her peace and quietude and therefore withdrew. Somehow the ladies never discover any great partiality for persons of my cast, let our behaviour be
29 ever so decourous. What the difficulty may be, I cannot determine.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23rd Miss Margaret Harwood came from Petersburgh (N.Y.) to see her father. Had now built 48 rods 4½ wall this season.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25th - 24th and this day - and SATURDAY, JUNE 26th Was plough-boy to father. The very sudden death of Mrs Eunice, consort of gen'l David Robinson happened about 7 o'clock on Friday. Gen. R. Was absent at Burlington on public business. Was sent for, and arrived in season to attend her funeral which was on Sund'y following.

30 SUNDAY, JUNE 27th Had made an appointment with Mr Locke to visit his brother Edmund at Paran Creek. Called at Capt Squires', his place of abode, and learnt that he had gone on - pursued my walk with no other companion than a newspaper which contained the Prussian Manifesto and an Aur'a with the Princess's defence in it.
Crossed Widow Henderson's farm - Hinsdills' factory pond in a canoe - up P. Creek to Rodger's mills and arrived at Mr Locke's a good deal fatigued, perhaps, about 11 o'clock A.M. Soon after my arrival, while on a walk from his house down to a brother stone ~~wall~~ cutter's shop, Edmund
31 discovered his knowledge of a secret which I thought was confined to fewer persons than I then found it to be. That disconcerted me not a little, and on my return to the house the agitation which it produced in my mind was betrayed in my countenance and barrenness of words to the ladies - However, enjoyed a pleasing visit - went strawberrying with Mr L., lady, Miss Sophia Waters and young Mr Locke. Mrs L. and Miss L were visited by several handsome young ladies of the village during our stay, who appeared to very good advantage. Saw a letter from Mr Pumroy Smith to E. Locke on
32 the behavior of one his old friends. On my coming home Mr L. brought to this residence Miss Waters accompanied by his lady. Walked with Miss Ruth Anthony and Miss Sally Stone to Mr Montague's whose lady was

1813 very low. Very W'm weath'r.

MONDAY, JUNE 28th Plow'g wheat closed. Not in real health. Lieut. Heman Allen Fay wrote me the following letter in reply mine to him 11th May, dated,

Annapolis, June 14th.,1813

Friend Hiram

Yours of the 11th May hath been received via Washington City I thank you for the information therein

33 because even my father hath become rather negligent in letter-writing, as much as he used to like it. D. ROBINSON Jun'r wrote me about the time you did, but he said nothing of neighborhood occurrences, fully believing (as he said) that I had heard everything. I informed him t/ to the contrary abd told him that almost all my old Bennington correspondents, were as lazy & as negligent in writing as himself - In other words I had scarcely rec'd a word (from B.) yours excepted, for 8 Or 10 mo. & knew not who was dead

34 or married, or born, or sick, or making, mending or seeking their fortunes, in truth I knew nothing at all of the matter - hit him a jog on the elbow and tell him I redollect him often.

Harry Robinson hath written me from Washington that he will visit me this summer - I have told him that i expected no such thing because he made the promise last winter, & did not perform it; some people are always in such a terrible bluster & hurry that a stranger would think they were no less than men mid-wives, having as much business as they could possibly

35 attend to, when in fact they have no business at all - this forms the excuse for one set of people - other can find no other apology than that which arises from a pre-disposition to put off everything until some other time - these fellows never do anything - a third class will say they can't write good letters; & the reason is they dont try at all - no man ever did, will or can write good letters unless he practices writing them. You have taken a very plain, sensible and familiar method and one that would please those who look at good sense.

As for Peace Party-

36 ism, Washiigtonian-ism, Federalism & Toryism, and all other isms, they are so confounded at this day there is no telling which is which & in fact we have as much difficulty in distinguishing the difference, as Englishmen have in knowing an American from an English sailorm- but all those names will not answer the purpose - Toryism is the same under w whatever cloak it may be found. I by no means include all the federal ist's under this head, yet so far as they vote and their political act acts go, I see no difference, because they go together - the truth is one is so far from the heart, and the other wishes to build a ladder to climb in

37 to power, but, poor devils, they little think that the ladder will soon break, and those who fancy themselves nearly at the top, will come tumb ling headlong to the bottom,where they will be seem limping off with cracked skulls, broken shins and battered noses - I wish them a good plaister of tar and feathers for their sores and bruises. Perhaps D - Swift will prescribe something else.

I have been amusing myself in writing ½ a doz'n letters (published in a paper in this City) to that old sinner of sinners, Tim Pickering. Whether he ever

38 got sight of them or not I dont know. I am very sure the perusal of them would please you - because I have added to come argument, a little fun, and more of derision, & I am sure he richly deserves ~~it~~ the latter I shall let him alone until he begins again, and as sure as he does, I'll be at him. The B. Squadron is now below us (at Norfolk) but we expect them, & if they attack, we will do what can be done with a small force. We have just heard of the arrival of the Chesapeake at Boston

1813 I hope it is true, all were cast down
39 at the news of her capture. I looked more at the manner in which it was said she was taken, than at the loss itself. - things go on a little ~~as~~ better upon the frontiers. God prosper them, because their object is good, lawful, righteous and just - if Harry comes here and will take my music book, I shall send it. Mrs Fay is not in health. My respects & good wishes to all friends.

Y'r old Precept. H. A. Fay.

Mr 21.21

TUESDAY, JUNE 29th Out of health and performed no labor of any consequence, but fif'f a few tunes for amuse't.

40 Bad news came from the frontiers. Chandler & Winder gave up the ghost in a ~~sense~~ measure.

THURSDAY, JULY 1st Mr Clark Harwood and his neighbor, Mr Webster, started for home. Mr C.H. had considerably recovered from his late illness. His company and conversation had been very agreeable in many instances to me. Mrs Montague was considered to be fast approaching her end. Mr Jacob Anthony was despatched to her friends in W'hampton (with whom were two of her sons whom she had all along
41 been extremely solicitous to see) in order tp bring them to this place, but one only came, the other being sick, but the poor woman never had the satisfaction of seeing him, being dead some hours previous to his arrival.

FRIDAY, JULY 2nd Mrs Rachel Montague breathed her last about 1 o'k P.M. leaving a disconsolate husband and 9 children the eldest of whom had not passed his 20th year, to lament their irreparable loss. Spent the night at Mr M's in co. with Mr N.Locke, Miss
42 Lydia House, Miss Clara'a Norton and Mrs Theo'a Harwood who excited themselves in preparing things for the funeral. Notwithstanding the very melancholy event which had just occurred in this house, the vivacity of Miss H. & Miss N.'s temper would not ~~prevent~~ permit us to pass the night in syllen sobriety.

Mr Erastus and his sist'r Theo'a Montague were greatly distressed at their mother's decease - the latter was driven almost to despair.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 3rd Felt the want of sleep - Report said that President Madison was dead. Mr Brown brought me a flute for $4.50

43 SUNDAY, JULY 4th Attended Mrs M's funeral. No other relative from abroad who followed the corpse, excepting a brother from . Mr Smith spent the P.M. with friend E. Montague. Walked home in the eve'g with Miss R. Anthony. A violent shower came up a little before night.

MONDAY, JULY 5th Cold. Had comp'y in the eve'g. Played for them meanly indeed and behaved not in the most genteel and pleasing manner. Mr Buck'y Squires, Mr Locke, Mr Hiram Hill and perhaps Mr Somebody ~~else~~ else with several ladies, composed the party.

44 Tuesday, JULY 6th Mr Doty came from Wilmington. From this day to July 11th (Sunday) nothing important to me occurred - Mr J.Harwood arrived from the westward (as far as Shurburne or Columbus N.Y.) where he had been in order to look him a farm.. Warm, rainy W'r.

MONDAY, JULY 12th In the P.M. there was a meeting of some ministers and people of the Church of England at our meeting

1813 house which I attended. Heard one very eloquent speaker with whom the
audience seemed to be well pleased, and very good sing'g -
45 Among others saw Loan Dewey, Esquire who was in fine spirits - so fine
that he did not let slip that opportunity to give me a few hearty rubs
on former transactions of which, the blessed remembrance of which al-
ways gives me small mortification.

TUESDAY, JULY 13th Miss L. Waters' and Miss Cla'a Norton borrowed Mr
Brown's old black, and Mr Parsons' waggon, and
went to hoosick from whence they returned late in the eve'g. Mr B.
and Parsons were both at your house - the latter fused pay - the for-
46 mer demanded of Miss W. a kiss, which was readily granted. Was sick
this day. Cold weather.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14th Still unwell ; innoculated a few small apple-tree
limbs - Made a short visit at Mr Parsons' whose
lady gave me a description of Miss Conklin - Renselaerville, N.Y.
which was not very pleas'g - her father having spent a considerable
sum on her education without reaping much benefit or pleasure there-
from. She could play on the Piano Forti elegantly,
47 but if requested to play, either by her parents or company, rarely and
reluctabtly complied. The truth is, she seemed to be one of those be-
ings whom education could not refine, either in intellect or manners.
A rich mans children sometimes make a miserable use of opportunities
which they have for improvement.
Mr Judd's eldest child Ruth was tho't dangerous in the throat dis-
temper.

THURSDAY, JULY 15th Not a good day for business. Rainy. Miss Ruth
Judd
48 departed this life, aged 7 years 3 mo's. Only daughter of Mr Is'c &
Mrs Rch'md. The ground now full of water.

FRIDAY, JULY 16th Funeral at Mr Judd's attended. Mr Marsh in his dis
course dwelt with considerable force on the duty of
parents to children.

SATURDAY, JULY 17th Sick, or pretended to be so, the greater part of
the day. Low spirited.

SUNDAY, JULY 18th Wrote music.

MONDAY, JULY 19th Another downcast sickly day - so wet that farming
went on badly. Read Monroe's & Pinck'ys Letters in
Parsons' back-house. Commenced mowing.

49 WEDNESDAY, JULY 20th Hoe'g fin'd. The particulars of Bonaparte's victo
ry at Lutzen reached us. Mother had company in the
P.M. - taken in the eve'g violently puking, at first supposed to be oc-
casioned by overdoing, but from there being many like instances in town
we concluded it to be a distemper generated perhaps by some particular
state of the air. Dr Swift was called and did not return till 2 in the
morning.

THURSDAY, JULY 22nd First proper beginning of haying - bad weather -
Daniel Stones' letter to
50 Henry Harwood was brought home - found in Tom Crawford's hands - dated
at Burlington camp in sold'r style.

FRIDAY, JULY 23rd We and other neighbors assisted Mr Judd about hoeing

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Bad hay weather - had been cool from the beginning of the month.

SATURDAY, JULY 24th We now promised ourselves (with) a season of fine w'r and, relying too much on fair prospects, got down so much hay that we had to make great exertions to save our it from being wet in the P.M. which was aff'd through the help of neighbors.
51 Miss Annis Stone & Misses Comstock on a visit.

SUNDAY, JULY 25th With Locke visited a methodist meeting in Algiers, just as it was broken up - Read long report of Sec'y Monroe on French affairs - Had a pleasing chit-chat with some ladies. Warm, fine weather.

MONDAY, JULY 26th Poor hay day - in town at night- had a long talk with Sam'l C.Blackmer Jun'r and heard S. Young, gen.Robinson and Mr B. Edwards talk on politics - Determined never to yield the rights of our seamen - Mr Peter Harwood 78 on the 25th - could rake, reap & mow.

52 TUESDAY, JULY 27th Health not very good - flax pulled ugly so full of grass and weeds - assisted Judd finish his hoeing.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28th Not in health, worked moderately. Father came from Troy with a small load of salt- per bushel

THURSDAY, JULY 29th Performed the greatest day's work at mowing that I was ever the author of in my life. Carried violin and flute to Capt Norton's in the eve'g on which Smith and myself played 2 or 3 hours - Smith's drollery provoked a great deal of laughter.
53 The first grand hay D this season.

FRIDAY, JULY 30th Pleas't morning - had much hay down - about noon began to haze over - ere 4 P.M. such a wind, rain and hail storm arose accompanied with loud thunder, that hay or no hay - every man quitt'd the field and sought shelter under some hospitable roof Jon'a Rodgers was one of our hands P.M. - Passed a very ill night.

SATURDAY, JULY 31st Indisposed - took a large potion of jallop - had no effect - Fine weather ind'd.

54 Sunday, AUG.1st Health not restored - visit Dr Swift who administers another swaggering dose of that mild (and) and agreeable physic, call'd jall'p which finally quealled the disor'r. Read great news from Bona's Army.

MONDAY, AUG 2nd Rode about town on business - signed for "The Picture of London" at Haswell's, price $1.50" - Visited Walbridge's paper mill to buy a blank book - they had none - Loan Dewey Jun showed me about the mill, and held a long conversation with me on affairs of a recent date - had a tube-fife on which he desired me to play, so I did - Saw his cousin Ch Walbridge.
55 Called at S C Robinson's on my return. Fine day.

From Tuesday to Aug 7th Saturday, most excellent weather - Began our harvest - latter part of the week, which was full middling - Dont often have warmer weather at any season than was now experienced. Thu'sday or Friday news came that Plattsburgh had been burnt by a party of the British from Canada.

SUNDAY, AUG 8th Packed a parcel N.papers. About this period my reading was principally bestowed on correspondence be -

1813 tween our gov't & G.B. on the differences which produced the war of 1812
Company came to our house in the evening, but was
56 was not present because I had neglected to use the razor that day.
Mr Jonas Harwood my bed-fellow being seized with puking after retiring to rest, which caused a disagreeable odour in the room that threatened me with an attack, prudence bade me retreat. With flute walked to the S.E. part of the farm - sat under an elm about an hour - was alarmed by the rattling of a waggon to the S. on the road to Pownal, which I found when I got to Parsons' on my way home, to be in possession of Mr E. Smith, who
57 had just seen Miss S. Waters safe home. Mr B.Squire passed us from the South - 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, AUG 9th Our winter wheat field was attacked by no inconsiderable force and conquered. Neighbor West who was of the party and Mr Montague were guilty of some irregularities not altogether commendable. They seduced from Mr Brown by his hired man, Mr Rich whom they filled as full of brandy as they were themselves, by which means they not only lost their own and his time but actually hindered the whole company perhaps 3/4 hour
58 Mr Truman Squire visited us in order to procure reapers for a small field which he had to Pawlet. In the course of some moral observations which fell from him, he said he was no friend to King-craft, Gov't craft Priest-craft nor Witch-craft. Mr West, who heard it, rejoined - You forget one sort of craft, which is Lawyer-craft - Mr S. replied People could not subsist without that. Miss Lydia Harwood this day entered her 23rd year. The names of our laborers are thus Josiah West, Jona Anthony, Seth Montague, Elisha Waters, Jonathan Rogers, a boy, Josiah Aydo

59 TUESDAY, AUG 10th A bad piece of flax was pulled, being filled with weeds to an immence rate.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 11th Mowed with a dull scythe in the P.M. A bad evening to be out, nevertheless had a walk and long conference with Mr Locke at the side of a hay-stack near Pliny Dewey's barn, which broke up with music & dancing in the little school-house near Mr Hunt's. Ladies and Gent'n met at Mrs Billings.

THURSDAY the 12 & FRIDAY the 13th Finished off haying - Meadows rather inclining to barrenness - produced less hay than usual. This remark does not apply generally only to few.

60 SATURDAY, AUG 14th A fine field of summer-wheat, 2 acres, was cut,bound and put into the barn. Had now enjoyed 12 or 14 days of the finest hay-weather. Young Jona Rogers proved a fine boy in haying & harvest. Erastus Montague worked here several days in haying. Accompanied Jacob Anthony to capt. Norton's - J.Norton and Smith gone to rest - fiddled or groaned and played a few airs and came away bringing with me Fay's Viol'n on which sawed a little more (at) (more) in Parsons Stoop where Miss Stone and Miss Anthony
61 were sitting enjoying the bright moon. Bad evening air. Warm days.

SUNDAY, AUG 15th Perused Pricess of Wales Book - low spirited - Walked with E. Montague - H. Mellen & Locke marched from hence in Co. with Sal'y Stone and Ruth Anthony.

MONDAY, AUG 16th A regular training under Col J E Robinson tookplace. Capt Sam'l Blackmer omitted calling out his company, for reasons best known to himself. I troubled them not - and as the other laborers of this humble station had gone to the services I took

the liberty, altho
62 fully sensible how much business we had on hand, to down with my viol and scrape to please myself - when not so employed innoculated apple ~~tree~~ trees - Father's conscience smote him all the time he was absent; the weather appearing unfavorable - S. wind blew up fresh - scuddy clouds hung on the mountains - it forced him to call away friend Ira & directly push for home and go about getting in hsi winter w't, in which I took an ac'e part.

TUESDAY, AUG 17th A threatening appearance was worn by the clouds till 2 or
63 3 P.M. began then to slowly rain, but with no great effect during the remainder of the D. - Wanted rain a good deal - Got in grain as lomg as it would do - Brave Com. Rodjers on the ground

WEDNESDAY, AUG 18th Saw all our wint'r grain in. Com Rodgers again on the tapis.

THURSDAY, AUG 19th Still (getting) getting in our harvest,which in w'r wheat was middling, receiving from 10½ acres or thereabouts - say 150 bushels. Rye 4 acres very good, or rather tolerably so - 2 acres excellent spring wheat and an acre of heavy & good oats. Gallanted home Miss H. Mel'n

64 FRIDAY, AUG 20th Began plowing - not very good luck - hindered by the way. Haying & harvest finally concluded this day. Dr Hall lent me his Col'n of Massachusetts music.

SATURDAY,AUG 21st Like business, with some few frets. Mr Peleg Millington from New Lebanon or near there arrived with cousin R. Harwood who had been living a few weeks with Mr Hem'n Harwood. This gentleman being a mus'n would have afforded the family no inconsiderable pleasure in that elegant art if my old fiddle had been in order - however, had as
65 as it was, having only three strings he made tolerable mus'c with low pitched tunes - Had news of the Armis'e and of Chauncey's brilliant maneuvers' on L. Ontario. Fine weath'r.

SUNDAY, AUG 22nd Princess of Wales engrossed almost all my atten'n

MONDAY, AUG 23rd Began haying again in Mr Browns' lower Swift meadow at the halves - drawing in his half - Marched from this mansion to Widow Himman's with Dr Friend M. Hall - a young man fond of music.

TUESDAY,AUG 24th Near sundown Mr Locke and Mr Blackmer visited me while working in Mr Brown's meadow, the
66 former signified his intention of entering the militia service of New York, soon to enter the field. The latter, had my viol been in any decent tune, would have entertained us agreeably indeed with excellent music.

THURSDAY,AUG 26th Mr West & and the funny little Commodore Rodgers worked with us - News was brought pr Stage that gen Proctor with 1500 men was made prisoner, 500 killed.

FRIDAY, AUG 27th Completed haying at Brown's - had 2 tons middling hay, the half of what grew on 8 Or 9 acres. Rain was wished for and hourly expected, how'r only a bite came. Mr Ste-
67 phen Kenyion paid us a visit and talked much on poli's.

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Rather melancholy on my part.

SATURDAY,AUG 28th A sort of resting day. No confirma'n of Thursd's news. Aurora of Aug 24th had the concluding part of the "Book" in it.

SUNDAY, AUG 29th Spent in the usual way - reading - Much dejected. Took a walk to Mr West's, round by Parson's where where called and spent the eve'g - Mr Mellen, Mr Locke and a few ladies were there - Locke was my spark.

MONDAY, AUG 30th The republicans had a caucus to which I did not go. Put up Hen'y for Rep.

68 WEDNESDAY (Aug) SEPT 1st Ditching was the employment. Visited Mr Anthony's in the evening. Nobody older than Miss Ruth at home. Assisted Mr T.C.Parsons' about writing warnings for Artillery train'g on the 10th.

THURS'Y SEPT 2nd., Threshed wheat in very warm weather to pay debts with.

FRIDAY, SEPT 3rd A rainy day - Mr Brown's cousins came over and paid us a visit - a pretty man - considering how democratic he was.

SATURDAY,SEPT 4th Much plagued, ploughing stubble. Mr Locke paid his respects to me much out of health.

SUNDAY, SEPT 5th Wrote a great many demo'c votes. (cold)
69 Mr Ira Harwood 30 years of age.

MONDAY, SEPT 6th., At Dr Swift's in the American Reader read a dialogue on peevishness which pleased me well. Saw at another place Add'n County Rep'n Address - Very good.

TUESDAY, SEPT 7th., P.M. attended the poll - gave in democratic ballots While waiting for an opportunity to vote stepped into Mr Sam. B. Young's and read J.V. vol Bigland's V. of the World - Article Turkey in Asia concerning ancient Troy, rivers Eu's, Tigris &c and of the first peopling of the world. Federal tick't prevailed by a majority for Chitten'den 17 votes,for Rep'e 23 - Invited by young D's to a meet'g on Sat'y.

70 WEDNESDAY, SEPT 8th Mr Jona Anthony & family left the neighborhood for the Butternuts, N.Y. Sent 4½ quires paper to gent Parker and Bliss, Troy, to be bound into a book, pr Mr West.

THURSDAY, SEPT 9th A dull day - Preparations in progress for sowing - Seed wheat $2 pr bush'l - Now employed in getting it out - Spent the evening fiddling - Saw Mr Smedley brother in L of Mr Parsons, at friend Ira's.

FRIDAY, SEPT 10th All hands engaged in sowing wheat. Very w'm weath'r

SATURDAY, SEPT 11th Look at p. 130

SUNDAY, SEPT 12th Monroe's correspondence formed my principal reading Went to Mr Parsons' - Saw Smedley & his lady. Conversed a little with the former.

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71 MONDAY, SEPT 13th Exrtremely warm weath at this period. Sowed the first rye that I ever cast in my short life.

TUESDAY, SEPT 14th Finished all sowing in full.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 15th Sent a billet to Miss Luc'a Norton excusing myself and Miss Lydia Har'd for not going to a convivial meeting of our neighboring young friends to which she invited us the preced'g eve'g - Flax spread - Was engaged with Bigland's V'm of English History - Wm the Nor'n &c.

THURSDAY, SEPT 16th Took a new method to harvest corn - cut it up by the roots without taking off the upper stalk. Mr Eb'n Harwood, E

72 called on us Tuesd'y & left us Wednes'y - family well.

FRIDAY, SEPT 17th Rather a rainy P.M. An errand called me to capt Norton's where as well as at home, too much time was thrown away in attempting to fiddle. In the eve'g read English history in that part which relates to Ed'd 111d's exploits and the troubles of Rich'd 1st.

SATURDAY, SEPT 18th Mrs Hinman's men - Messrs Evens, & Judd, finish'd haying in the Fay meadow - In the eve'g paid Mr Sam B. Young a visit to obtain 3rd., 4th., and 5th V's Big'd V.Wd - of said since seeing me, had not arranged the business - was about fixing a way to the N'd

73 would leave the business with his lady. At Haswell's saw a draft of the constitution of the Sons of Liberty of Bennington - liked it well- Good news from Com're Chauncey. Borrowed 1st Vol Rob. Charles Vth and Reids Essay's on the Mind, of J.E.Robinson, for which gave my receipt. Sat down in his office and read Quarto Ed'n of Guth - geog - 1795 respecting Wm 111d in whose reign the Eng'h gov't first pawned its credit to defray the extra war expenses then entered into in consequence of its being so much embroiled in continental politicks. Friend E. Waters hailed me to call &

74 and see Mrs A. Waters and her brother, Hervey - refused. A singular circle observed at the sun

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19th In the garret writing good things and read'g Charles Vth. Cousins Anne and Hervey came down to see us. Mr Luther Smith spent the evening at Mr Ira Harwood's and I guess staid till late - Miss S.W. knows.

MONDAY, SEPT 20th No finer weather is ever seen than was witnessed this day. Dr Jonas Harwood, Willard Greene & Mr Elijah Fay Jun'r went on to M't Anth'y in quest of bees, a hive of which they found about sunset. We were digging potatoes. Read Saih Catlins' Honors of War,preached at N.Marlborough, Mass.5th July 1813

75 No depth to the poor thing.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21st Finish'd cutting up corn. good w'r. Of a meeting held at the State Arms this eve'g - See p.132

WEDNESDAY,SEPT 22nd Began making cider - W'r fine - & w'm

FRIDAY,SEPT 24th., At night attended a meeting of cousins at Mr E. Waters' - played on the Viol - Dr Wright, foolish man, came in to hear me - always hate to injure people's hearing so - wisshed him away - he went shortly - friend Ira arrived from Albany,

1813 for T.C.Parsons, to which place, he had carried a load of leather.
He and his lady both at Mr W's

76 SATURDAY, SEPT 25 In town in the evening - good news from the N.W.ar
my - Had business at Erast's Youngs - gents & ladies
playing at cards -

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26th Wrote off half Stevens Sermon - delivered at Stoneham, Mass., April 1813 - to send to Mr Harry Taylor
Pittsfield, to reward him for his "Horrors of War" - the former a most excellent piece, published in the G.M.Farmer in the month of Aug.

MONDAY, SEPT 27th Wrote a short letter accompanying the serm'n to Mr
Taylor, by his brother and sister, who having paid
us a kind & well received visit,this day started for home.
Pleas't d'ys - cold N'ts

77 TUESDAY, SEPT 28th.,Official news arrived of Perry's Victory.
Read Rob. 1st Ch. 7th

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 29th See p. 134

THURSDAY, SEPT 30th In company with Mr Jacob Anthony - watfhed with our
friend Luther Smith who the preceding Monday had received a most dreadful wound in the calf of his leg from the hook of a chain while at work for Mr Willard Greene, in his meadow assisting about drawing out willows by the roots on the bank of the creek; which flung him into a violent fever. Althe' very sick ind'd this night, it was no great task to attend him, and he rested
78 as well as circumstances would per't. Messrs John Norton & Elisha Smith and G. House enlivened conversation till ten in the eve'g.
Had Rob. Charles V for comp'y Cold rain from N.E.

FRIDAY, OCT 1st., Worked with Jona Rodgers rolling leather at Stiles'
bark-mill; suffered greatly for want of sleep ¾ Mr
Stiles Jun'r had his 2nd day wedding, which seemed to be pretty generally attended, and by some fine dressed ladies too. At night imagined myself quite indisposed, could not think of going home with Miss Lydia House and Miss Lucretia N'n whom I found at our house on my return from
79 Algiers, but having taken supper became more lively and Read Bigland's View of Rom'n History from the Triumvirate to the decline of the Empire.

SATURDAY, Oct 2nd Rather in poor health, or supposed myself so; nevertheless - tho very rainy and unpleas't went to Atwood
Still with a load of cider, and feeling extremely anxious for news from the West we drove on towards Algiers till I had passed somedistance N. of Lieut Safford's and then recollected how strictly I was charged to bring home a keg of brandy which obliged me to face about
80 and relinquish my news project.

SUNDAY, O. 3rd Read Big'd on Belgic History, where it treats of the
rivalship between Burges and Ghent. Mr Mosely and
Miss Annis Stone came from Hoo'k

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4th Health not so good. Gathered apples with Ceph's Hervey in W'm orchard. Went to town at eve and visited
Haswell's, Eras's Young's, Cushman's, Swift & Hydes' store where had a very agreeable conversation with Dan'l Marsh Jun'r on Geog'y - general and particular - related the manner in which the f armers manure their lands on the S. side L. Island where he had lived about a y'r

81 and J. H. Robinson's bar room which was filled with towns-people entertained with Cab'c Sharp's fiddling in which he played many fine pranks for a man of his turn.

TUESDAY, OCT. 5th Our training began at 9 M.A.,or so we warned, and continued with rainy intervals till sunset. It went on very well - had good music. Mr Severance one of the drummers. Bought a Map of the N. pt U.S. - S'th pt the Canadas. Borrowed 2d V Ch Vt Played the flute for S.H.Blackmer in Cush'ns B. Chamber - was hard pressed to take some sling, but (would not)

82 Major O.C.Merrill told me of having received a late letter from my old Precept'r H.A.Fay in which he said I was almost the only person from whom he had received a line in this part of the country the last six months.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 6th A froz'n morning. Business - that of making and carrying cider to the still. In the evening, which was well lighted by the moon, betaeen 8 and 9, Messrs Greene, Fay, J. Harwood and others ascended the mountain 1/4 mile to fell their bee tree, which being effected, they examined the contents and had the mor

83 tification of not finding scarcely 1 pound of honey in all the comb. I was of the party; they had a jovial time of it.

THURSDAY, OCT 7th Bus's the same. Was invited, but being inflicted with the ague in my left jaw, did not attend, a small Ball at Mr J. House's.

FRIDAY, OCT. 8th Had had a restless night with my jaw - Miss Annis Stone went home this or the preceding day - soon to start for Scipio, N.Y. where her mother had lately taken up her residence.

SATURDAY, OCT. 9th Regularly attended to business. Isaac Stone came to see us. Mr E's Doty tarried all night and talked extremely wild on politics.

84 SUNDAY, OCT. 10th In co of Isaac Stone Esq made a pleas't visit at Mr John Duncan's pow'l. Two young married ladies of th the neighborhood came in, while I was there, likewise came Old Sue - Mrs Hinman's wench. High S. wind and rainy.

MONDAY, Oct. 11th Made cider. Cold, cloudy and snowed. Good news from Chauncey. Rec'd this body of paper in its present form from Parker & Bliss, Troy.

TUESDAY, Oct. 12th Winter apples were taken in, but not all. Accounts settled with Stephen Kynion who was in debt to father 52/100 about 1 years standing. Mr Doty and his friend Avery called in their way from Troy - tarr'd all night - Mr A. badly hurt by a kick from a horse.

85 Mr Zacha'a Harwood and his son Silas made a short vis't this P.M. - Col Dozz brought out Miss Wales from Hoosick Falls to get her taken in as a boarder, but it could not be agreed to.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13th Appeared likely to be fair - it was wished to drive the making of cider with all possible despatch - a number of hands were employed in gathering apples - all things were in in a pleas't train - when, lo, it was solemnly announced that the cider mill was broken - this caused a change in affairs, as might well be supposed, but we all lived through it, though there were some hard words.

86 The Sons of Lib'y had a meeting this evening. See p. 135.

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THURS'Y, OCT. 14th So cold as to occasion a squall of snow. Dr Jonas Harwood went to W'mstown to get a workman to come and set up our cider-mill, but was unsuccessful.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 We were getting in corn. Dr Jonas made an unsuccessful cruise in quest of a cider-mill carpenter. A vdry chilly S. wind disturbed our peace.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 Father went to Wilmington. Grandfather took it upon him to find fault continually. Capt Ira arrived fr Troy. Wheat 17¢ pr bush'l - Flax seed 11/o Dr Alanson Porter with his lady came to pay us a visit.

SUNDAY, Oct. 17th Extremely rainy from the S. Dr P. & lady went home Began first to write in this Vol.

87 MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 Assisted Mr Dr West about making cider at Atwood's mill and in the evening called on friend Luther Smith whom I found in good spirits but no somfar recovered from his wound as to enable him to go about much. His father & mother were greatly engaged about politics - seemed mightily pleased with the late change in the Legislature of Vermont and apparent inaction of our Armies. I entered into no dispute with them - let them have it all to themselves. Besides playing a good deal on the flute, conversed in a lively strain with Smith, Sibley, Barney & Miss Phillips and finding it late retired to rest at that house.

88 TUESDAY, OCT. 19th A cold rain commenced early in the morning - continued till past 2 P.M. - then began snowing and held on till evening. In this storm father drove his cattle and sheep which had been pastured in Wilmington across the G. Mountains. Our corn was not all in previous to this day.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20th A few young ladies from the southern department were at our house in the P.M. They came on foot which was a circumstance that I rather wondered at when the road was so wet and slippy. No young beaux came to gallant them home, neither did I vex them with my presence till near 9 in the evening, being better suited reading Rob-

89 Charles Vth a few pages preceding the sack of Rome by the Constable Bourbon, May 6th.,1527. At length appeared before them and reluctantly engage to carry them home with a waggon. Miss Laura Norton was so good as to accompany me down to House's and back to her papas. Those ladies were besides that above mentioned, Miss Lyd'a House, Miss Clar. Norton, & Miss Sally Loomis. Unpleas't Chilly, & in the evening Freez'g w'h.

THURSDAY, OCT. 21st Messrs S. Harwood & E.Waters were both to have commenced working at our mill today, but circumstances occurred which prevented the latter from attending, the former got business in a good way. Drew a load of wood

90 from a rough place a few rods west of Ben. Webb's, where I got stuck in a slough. Hiram Waters went with me, so that I had assistance about getting out again. I say from that place from that place drew a load of wood to for Waters. Saw a spring calf that had just been dreadfully mangled by a large dog in Mr Eldad Dewey's mead'w.

FRIDAY, OCT. 22nd Waters' came on, the cider mill was in good progress Proctor's defeat was known. Took in all our corn. A very cold mg

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SATURDAY, OCT. 23rd 25 ys of age. The cider mill was raised - The cogs answered a valuable purpose. Mr Jonas Harwood read Guthrie's this ev'g.

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SUNDAY, OCT. 24th Miss Fanny Safford was buried. Rainy.

MONDAY, OCT. 25th Made cider in the rain which came wm from the S. Great report concerning Chauncey's having captured Yeo and all the British fleet arrived in town, which we tho't must be true, as there was much firing in the Street. But at the hour of 9 in the eve'g got news at Parson's which overthrew it all. It was federal firing that we heard was heard on account of their forced Gov. A gov. made by fraud.

TUESDAY, OCT. 26th Was the first fine day we had for a long time. Mr Eben'r Harwood and his son Socrates arrived from
93 Williston via Troy. Such mighty arguments as he produced against the war are rare except in such well informed heads as his own. Read Ch's Vth Expedition against Tunis in 1535.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27 Made cider in as dirty a time as ever was known. Slow rains from the S. Our neighbor's young hogs plagued us by getting into our corn-field.

THURSDAY, OCT. 28th Fair once more - Our flax was taken up after laying from Oct. 15th till this day, or rather Sept. 15th not damaged - Wrote a letter to Ellis Doty concerning some cattle, for father. Had an agreeable time for reading. Good Weather.

94 FRIDAY, OCT. 29th Mr Eb'n Harwood and son set out for home. A fine day the girls were out gathering apples. Mr West's horses ran away and broke his waggon. Col Norton paid us a visit. Miss Laura Hathaway was this day buried - aged 19.

SATURDAY, OCT.30th Fair in part after a wet night. Montague's people had not removed their broom-corn out of our N. mead'w Oct. had been remarkably wet and unpleasant. All our corn had been taken out of the field, but some of it remained to husk - cider nearly all made & most of that carried to Atwood's Still, but little sold, price $1.25
95 Read Chas Vth journey through France and his conduct in regard to the citizens of Ghent.

SUNDAY, OCT. 31st Wrote busily - Read Chas Vth's unfortunate expedition against Algiers. Wrote a letter to Mr Joshua Gates, Warren, N.Y.

MONDAY, NOV. 1st Cider making went on well. A little paring bee, as they call it, was held at Ira's - waited upon Miss L. Stone to it. Mr S. Brown & Miss S. Waters carried on quite a joking court ship.

96 TUESDAY, NOV. 2nd First read gov'r Chittenden's speech and a sketch of the proceedings of the grand committee respecting election. Read Cobbett on Naturalization. Gov. Harrison's official letter came in the papers. Warm weather at this time.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3rd Mr David Stone and a young fellow named Richard Scott breakfasted with us - having been to Pittsfield by way of Greenbush to see their friends amongst Col Clark's pris'rs but were disappointed; could not obtain permission to go into the prison yard. It was afterwards understood to be owing to the number of applicants which

1813 obliged the officers at that time to exclude several, who had they waited perhaps would have had the pleasure of seeing & conversing with their friends. Very warm and fine day. Wrote a letter to Seneca Stone. Miss R. Harwood, Miss Waters, and myself walked to Mr E. Waters' - they staid there while I was gone
97 to town in expectation of a meeting the Sons of Liberty which however I was disappointed of on account of a puppet shew held in Robinson's Hall, which called off so many members that a meeting was postponed till the next week. At the office of the G.M.Farmer had considerable conversation with Mr Clark and Mr Sam'l Robinson - signed for "Barbarities of the Enemy Heard a report of the defeat of the 13th, 30th and 31st Reg. Spent a few agreeable moments at Mr Waters', and at home read Mr Watson's address to the Ag'l Society & speactators at Pittsfield Fair - a most excellent thing Miss Ruth Harwood received a letter from her brother Clark date 20th Oct. All in health.

THURSDAY, NOV. 4th

98 Great news came from Germany, but nothing to be depended on came from Hamp ton or Wilkinson. Our Indian Summer passed away about this time, succeeded by cold weather, growing cold & cloudy.

FRIDAY, NOV.5th Made cider - Good weath'r - Read 60 p's in Chas Vth.

SATURDAY, NOV. 6th Fine day. Old Mr John Crawford paid me a visit, quite high, with brandy - aided him off so as to get ride of his staying all night. Went to the P.O. but obtained very little news & that rather bad. On my return home was under the necessity of going again to the P.O. to carry a letter for cous'n Ruth to her brother. Young Rogers kept me comp'y. Had a long talk with W. Haswell

99 SUNDAY, NOV. 7th Wrote 23 quarto pages. A fine day - too warm to be comfortable.

MONDAY, NOV. 8th Finished grinding our own apples - some few remaining afterwards to grind for Mr Montague - and husking corn. Attended a little paring bee in the eve'g at Mr Parsons'. Got Mr Brown to receive again that flute which he purchased for me in July.

TUESDAY, NOV. 9th Father furnished Mr Edmund T. Locke with man & team to remove his family and effects from Paran Creek Village into this neighborhood. His brother Nath'l arrived from the North'n Army in which he had served as a substitute in the N.Y.Militia, discharged
100 on account of bad health,which indeed at that time was not enviable,having a violent cough and pale visage. The young people, a few of both sexes collected at Mr House's, from different parts of the N. and very agreeably spent the evening. Miss House treated them with every mark of esteem & respect. My enjoyments were broken in upon by the tooth-ache, but, for all that, took a sort of satisfaction in fifing to their dancing, just as they were about to depart. As I had no flute a fife was very acceptable.

They who were present are as follows :-Mr J. Norton Jun'r, Mr Elisha Smith, Mr .evi Jewett, Mr Luther Smith, Mr Nath'l Locke
102 and Mr Gideon House, and the Misses Clarissa Norton, Lucretia & Laura Notton, Sphia Waters, Clarissa & Sally Loomis, Persis Smith, L. House & Lydia Harwood.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10th Mr Parsons and father settled accounts, the latter fell in debt to the former, $18.44. Montague was now making his cider, but good weather was denied him, it being rainy.

THURSDAY, NOV. 11th A bargain was contracted between father and friend Ira, the latter receiving of the former a horse at $70., 8 cows $160.,yoke of oxen, $65., 7 T Y old cattle $105., 9 yearling

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$63., 44 sheep $88., making a total of $ which he tho't would enable him to get him a new farm.

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FIDAY, NOV. 12th Had just got out 25 bush's wheat.

SATURDAY, NOV. 13th Visited the Post Office - Heard news that Dresden was reduced by the Allies. Called to do business with Mr Hicks' who had not acted in a manner the most agreeable, being in possess ion of a note against father of between 9 & 10 doll's, in cluding interest on which several indorsements had been made from time to time ; I called this evening to take up the note, Mr H. having that day sent down and got wheat to about that am't, including what had been paid; but, behold, instead of indorsing, he had given credit on book. When fath'r knew it he was highly enraged & declared he'd have a fin'l settlem't.

104 The Austrian Manifesto made its appearance at this time.

SUNDAY, NOV. 14th Col, freez'y & snow'y

MONDAY, NOV. 15th A real Winter-like day. Cold N. wind blew and the snow fell some part of the day pretty fast. Col. Clarks Canadian prisoners from Pittsfield marched into town, among whom was Mr Nathan'l Stone (son of Elijah Stone late of Hoosick, N.Y., but now living in Farnham, L.Canada, & nephew to my mother) who called and refreshed himself previous to marching into the Village. I went with him to town where thro' the good offices of Judge Robinson and Col Fay we obtained liberty for him to lodge at our house.

105 He was not in full health, looked thin and dejected. Being taken by the B. officers immediately from his work, and then in a few hours made a pris oner, his dress, as might be imagined, was none of the gayest, but ordinary as it was, it was sufficient to keep him from suffering. We conversed with him all the evening, of his family, father, mother, &c Wrote his F. a letter acquainting him with all such events as I supposed interesting to him. Made a short visit at neighb'r Parsons' this evening - found Mrs P. & her sister very sociable.

TUESDAY, NOV. 16th About 6 O'

106 o'clock this morning, Mr Stone took leave of us; I accompanied him to Mr Cushmans' and tarried with him till the prisoners marched off, which was at 8. The guard consisted of about 40 good looking men, under the command of Lieut Boyd, a young man 24 or 25 years of age, and the prisoners in No. 79 were under the conduct of a barrack master, a very pretty man, known by the title of capt James.Cous'n Natha'l felt his condition to be extremely hard as it was bad marching and his health low.

J.J.Hendryx, taylor, measured me for a suit of clothes and cut them out. Spent nearly the whole day on Court House Hill.

107 WEDNESDAY, NOV 17th A glorious fine day - snow melted away slowly. Dr Jonas had business in Woodford and brought home a report that Montreal was taken. Went to town in evening with a view of attending a meeting of the Sons of Liberty and writing a letter to Lieut H.A.Fay. Sat down in Mr Clark's printing office and wrote my letter which took up so much time that I gave up going to the meeting and (stept) stepped into Judge Robinson's to put the letter into his hands for conveyance to Lt Fay In this letter, mentioned political affairs in this state, health of the family, and a few matrimonial prospects in the neighborhood, and requested him to write an answer soon.

108 THURSDAY, NOV. 18th Rode to Troy with Dr Jonas Harwood who conveyed a load of wheat thither which he sold at Bishop & co for 45 dollars - there being 20 bushels exactly. Stabled our horses at Landlord

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Tator's where an old Irishman two sheets in the wind" sat smoking his pipe and making game of the Democrats. Wished "every Federal was a prince & every Democrat a Slave". It appeared from what the old fellow said that Mr T's son, a youth of perhaps 15, had very plainly spoken on the subject when they were alone, but after we came in, and Mr T. himself was present, the youth said a word or two more which made our brave federalist request his father to check his (what he
109 seemed to think) imperinence. Mr T. said he did not mean to allow his son to overstep the bounds prescribed to persons of his age in conversa tion, but mentioned what caused many people who had been at this tavern to think, his son rather too forward in that respect. Forseveral years he had sent him to school without his appearing to learn any - at last he undertook to reason with him on the subject,asking him how he would appear when grown a man to happen in comp'y and be shown a newspaper & requested to read a piece, but not knowing how (to read), hand it to another, or suppose he were a juryman and called upon to sign his name which not being capable of doing he would be obliged to get another
110 person to write it for him, he making his cross or mark - these things he exhibited to him in such strikung colours that the boy immediately set about gaining an education, which he was so intent upon that many times he was obliged to drive him from his book; his memory was remarkably retentive and he save all his newspapers on file which he would resort to when he asserted anything in which he was disputed by persons of maturer years. In short it appeared from T's description of his son that his genius was bright and promising. Lodged at Mr Henry Taxon's - only his lady at home - Had a warm tooth-ache - Good sleighing, or at least tolerable - storming from the E. - rained at night.

111 FRIDAY, NOV. 19th Came from Troy, called at Hoffman's and at Wadsworth where we had a dispute with, not a Federalist, but an out-right Tory. There is no need of mentioning what was advnced by H him, for every person that goes a mile from home, or reads a particular kind of papers, knows almost every proposition made by him.

Called at Niles' 4 Corners - heard Tecumseh's speech read. Saw marks of a most violent gale that had visited them a few hours before - the roofs of two sheds were blown off and a third blown topsy-turvy. Reached home about 7 in the evening. Bad waggoning - Snow going off.

112 Saturday, Nov 20th Black, cold and rainy wr Mr Montague had a cheese on the cider press which he shamefully neglected.

SUNDAY, NOV. 21st., Mr David Stone came over from Hoosick to gain information of his brother Nath'l. Mr George Weaver made us an unsolicited visit. Waited upon Miss Sally Stone to her residence.

Read Charles Vth - his success against the Protestants and his taking the Elector of Saxony prisoner & how ill he treated him, as well as his tyrannical conduct in other resp's in 1547 - 48 .

MONDAY, NOV. 22nd About this period Boyd's Bayonet battle on the St Lawrence was known.

TUESDAY, NOV. 23rd An extremely warm day - Mr Montague made the last of his cider here.

113 Gov Chittenden's Proclamation calling home the Vt Militia in the U.S. service, accompanied by the unanswerable answer, came to hand. The Aur'a Cobbett's remakes on American War and the Austriam Manifesto reachd us this evening.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24thMiss Sally Stone was visited this P.M. by the Misses Norton & Harwood and S. WAters - Was requested to

attend there, but feeling indisposed towards being in comp'y, only sent the Violo, one which Mr E. Smith played. Dark muddy night.

THURSDAY, NOV.25th We manured our meadows this Fall - The business closed this day - fine muddy wr. At
114 night there came on a violent shower of rain from the S. accompanied by lightning & thunder - Was at Parson's during its continuance talking in a manner very lively with Mrs P. and MissS.

FRIDAY, Nov 26th Prepaarations were made for Wint'r - The cider mill was taken down and the cog nuts put into a tan vat.

SATURDAY, NOV 27th Preparations for Wr still continued - Fine weather, but muddy indeed. Mr John Murphy took leave of us for Albany.

SUNDAY, NOV. 28th Most egregiously plagued to get me a suitable pen for recording - Mr Locke, Nath'l R. sent me a very earnest invitation to come to his father's and see him.
115 this day, but being much intent on writing and the travelling being extremely bad I put it off till further opportunity. Mr L. had been very sick with the jaundice a number of days, but was now gaining his health again. Father borrowed pamphlets of Judge Fay respecting the proceedings of the Legislature of Vermont and of the Council of Censors, both which were read with interest.

MONDAY, NOV. 29th Threshing wt and fencing against the N.W., the chief business - Had business in town - Saw cousin Henry Harwood and William Hll at Mr Haswell's who first told me of a subscription being drawn up to get signers amongst the Ladies in this town and its vicinity to furnish
116 the N. Army with mittens and socks - Brought home the Aur'a of Nov 23d in whkch Duane makes lengthy comments on affairs in Europe - likewise a short piece from Cobbett on the same sub.

TUESDAY, NOV.#0Th Continued preparing for wint'r Paid $10.00 towards Bigland's View of the World to Mrs Young for which I took her receipt, Mr Y. not being present. While waiting at Mr Haswell's for the subscription mentioned above, read the News Letter which was high ly charged with Federalism. It tells us how much drumming and fifing , marching and counter-marching &c had been done this campaign and how much it all costs and a great many more fine things which need not be mentioned. Mr Locke tarried with me this night. Made bad work fiddling - laid it aside disgusted.

117 Wednesday, DEC. 1st Employed in getting ready for winter. Provided Mr Locke with a horse to go about to get subscribers to the paper noticed above; and I have the satisfaction to state that he obtained a list of 19 names who will furnish 20 prs of mittens and 5 prs of socks - P. 243 may be seen the addresses & signers names.

Father and Dr Jonas settled accounts with Mr Atwood who gave him a note for 31 G. Cider Brandy.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2d Thanksgiving celebrated - wrote a few lines - read Charles fifth's resignation and other events recorded in the concluding part of that History. Except the two families united, there was no person pres't but young Sam'l Robinson Jun'r at supper Mr Luther Smith spent the greatest part of the evening & all night at capt Ira Harwood's - Went to Mr Pars
118 ons' and asked Miss Sally Stone to come up and see Mr S. but she conclu-

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ded she cared nothing about seeing him or anybody else abroad that evening. Returned home and after making myself quite sick of drawing the bow - retired to rest with gen Joshua Gates.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3rd Collected & regulated newspapers which had been received during three or four months - Read a few pages
Had occasion to go to Mr Montague's - played on Mr Brown's flute - returning thence called at Parsons' - Miss Stone produced a violin which belonged to one of Apollo's sons who had called in to take a little repose after playing all night at a ball in Pownal - Played myself will I was worn out with the groaning &
119 then in a very polite and elegant style gallanted Miss S. to capt Harwoods at which place the Misses Harwood and Waters and Mr Nath'l Locke and myself spent the P.M. as well as the evening, when gen Gates was pres't. Commodore Jonathan Rogers waited upon Miss Diadema Harwood to a most superb Ball held at the Academical Hall in Algiers street. There was likewise a grand ball attended by persons already named at capt Ira Harwood's where they had the best of music from the newly invented instrument, the fife.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4th In the woods with Dr Jonas Harwood cutting up old wood DRY & frosty.

SUNDAY, DEC.5th Finished reading Rob's Charles Vth and commenced reading Bigland's Views of the World 4th Vol

120 MONDAY, DEC. 8th Worked in the woods - In the evening read Bigland and in consequence of having (~~said~~) in a joking way said I would be married the first opportunity, received a harsh, dry admonition from my mother whose mind was ever filled with the most hedious apprehensions in meditating upon the character of her only son, whom she hates and loves at one and the same time; whose faults she always arrays before her in the most glaring lights; while she is careful, if, peradventure, there belong to the poor fellow any virtues, to leave them in the back-ground.

TUESDAY,DEC. 7th Five hogs were murdered - had no hand in this bloody scene - worked in the barn - Weight of pork 1000,which is set down at large in the great Ledger.

WEDNESDAY,DEC 8th Attended a meeting of the Sons of Liberty at J. T.
121 Robinson's - Mr D. Clark appd Prest pro tem. The Sec'y read the question, which was whether it were better to appoint the Judges of the Sup'r Court of the State of Vermont, annually or during good behavious - there being but few members pres't - the discussion of the quest'n was postponed to the ensuing meet'g. Mr Locke and Mr A. Rice were adopted as members - Mr Wm Haswell was appointed to receive donations of socks & mittens and then the meeting adjourned till Wednesday eve'g Dec 15th 5 o'clock.
A new damp shallow snow was on the g'd

THURSDAY, DEC. 9th Round, to & fro not doing much. Looked for, but did not find,a pair of green spectacles which I had lost the preceding evening with a good steel case,all together as good as $1.75 'out of pocket'. Measured up the last bush'l of our winter wheat, the whole of which raised the past season amounted to 125-3/4 bhl.
122 To know how much wheat and other kinds of grain was raised this year and how much sold, consult p. 202 Snowy chilly weather - Began reading Reids' Essays on the active & intellectual powers of Man.

FRIDAY, DEC. 10th Worked in the woods with friend Ira & Mr Judd - Duane's Political Views were read in the evening. Really curious too.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 11th In the woods again -,Mr West came there to get some wood - Visited Parsons' wood lot where Mr Loomis & Mr L. Smith were getting wood for him.

SUNDAY, DEC.12th Rather cold - spent the day as usual in writing between 7 & 8 in the evening at Mr Parsons' - very dull and unsociable. Mr Benj'n W. Hopkins tarried all night and went away at 8 or 9 in the morning next day. Reported all well at Hopkinton.

123 TUESDAY, DEC. 14th Thirty sheep had strayed away - capt Ira & father spent considerable time looking for them - was at the Post Office at night & paid thirty four cents for a newspaper which came by mail containing a little scrap of paper which was intended to inform us that the time for which we subscribed had nearly expired and that if we wished to continue it to send on the money. "Bought Barbarities of the Enemy" - price $1. - bound - Mr Madison's Message to Congress was in the Farmer of this day

124 WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15th No rye remained after this date for us to thresh. All that was raised this year amounted to but little less than fifty bushels. Un unsuccessful hunt was made by Ira for our lost sheep Mr Hial Parsons gave us a call. Mrs Parsons & her sister made an P.M. visit. Mr Locke and myself attended a meeting of the Sons of Liberty, which was conven'd about 7 o'clock in the evening at J.T.Robinson's. Three new members were admitted - towit - Messrs Mattson, Slye and Ira Vail. The question being read Mr Hendryx arose and requested to know in what manner the question should be disposed of, whether the association would vote on the principles of the question or on the merits of the debate. Mr Edwards contended for the latter mode & was
125 seconded by another gentleman whom I do not recollect. Mr Haswell & oth ers argue for the former but it was at last decided affirmatively. When the discussion came on Mr Edwards started another dispute - he argued that according to law procedure, a question ought to at first be spoken to by the person who laid it before the association. I dont know what induced our friend Edwards to talk so much out of order, unlessit were on account of its being his lot to introduce the debate on the side of the affirmative and did not know how to commence his speech without some previous shuffling. Howevdr, we soon cleared up the point & got him to his task at which he labored indefatigably a long time &
126 it is to be feared without producing much profit. Mr Hiland Hall answered him in the hegztive - his remarks were concise, plain and simple. Mr Hendryx followed on the affirm'e - He said that electing Judges for one year instead of during good behavior, like one man's hiring another to go and do a certain piece of work at considerable distance, whom he would order back ere he had reached the scene of action, employ another and treat him in like manner,and so on; thisnwas not treated by his hearers as a case ex actly in point - Next spoke Mr D. Montgay, Mr Ira Shaw on the negative, likewise Mr Henry Harwood & Sly. Mr Clark on the affirmative, answered - Mr Demas Robinson, Mr Safford Robin and Mr Wm Haswell spoke very well on the negative. Mr Vail made some excellent remarks on the same side. Mr Haswell & Mr Edwards each spoke twice. To see the question, See p. 121
127 When the decision was called for an unanimous vote was given in the negative. The committee appointed to receive socks & mittens, in conse - quence of the absence of several of its members made only a partial report from which it appeared that about 156 pairs of socks & mittens had been signed. Voted that all that (all that) could be collected should be laid before the Association at their next meeting. The next question for discussion read thus :"Is it right to take life for any crime". Adjourned till Friday, 24th inst.

THURSDAY, DEC. 16th With other young people made an evening visit at Mr

Montagues. Miss Theo's M. and Mr Dan'l M. having just arrived from wWest-
hampton, at which place & in its vicinity Miss M. had resided for the last
three months & had regained her health. Mr E. Waters and his lady were
of the party.

128 FRIDAY, DEC. 17th Assisted about winnowing oats. Mr Locke collected
socks & mittens to the amount of 16 or 17 pairs for
me - in the District assigned me - See page .

SATURDAY, DEC. 18th Worked in in the woods - In the evening sat down an
hour or two and talked Scripture with Mrs Campbell.
Came home and read Bigland on Babylonian History. Miss S. Waters and
her friend L. Norton paid us a visit. Thawy weather.

SATURDAY, SEPT 11th Continued from page 70 In the early part of the eve-
ning accompanied by Friend Locke, paid Mr Sam'l B. Yu
Young a visit, in order to obtain such parts of Bigland's V- of the
World as I had not yet obtained which he informed me it was not in his
power then to furnish, but would soon - Informed me of a very voluminous
work in France which was
129 soon to appear, consisting of upwards of 50 vols, Octavo, being a sort of
Univeraal History for which he said he was subscriber. Mr Locke and my-
self attended a meeting of the Republican young men of Bennington at J.T.
Robinson's, which was tolerably full. Mr Demas Robinson being chosen
Chairman and Wm Haswell appointed Secretary, the object of the meeting
was stated by one or two gentlemen after which the Clerk read the proceed
ings of a previous meeting holden on a similar occasion. Mr Edwards then
arose and stated an Association or Associations of the kind which we were
about to establish had been sometime in operation in Berkshire Co.Mass;
that a delegate from one of these in Williamstown had promised to attend
us this evening, but from some cause or other had not
130 arrived, who would bring with him their Constitution for our inspection.
While discoursing on the subject - delaying the business in order to give
time for others to come in, the gentleman from Williamstown, Mr Kellogg,
along with his friend Major Northam, arrived and were introduced to the
company by Mr Edwards, after which it was voted that the Constitution be
read, which was done by Mr K. in presence not only of the young men but
likewise in that of Sam'l B. Young, Esq., Capt Cyrus Hill and Lieut Thos
Stevens - U.S.Inf - who came in, in the character of spectators. The
Consitution having been read, the counsel of those gentlemen was asked,
whereupon Mr Y. got up and made a very good speech on the affair, highly
approving the scheme if no
131 rightly instituted - would advise to/secret, midnight, dark and intrigue-
ing proceedings, but let everything be transacted in a truly Republican
manner. Capt David Robinson Jun'r happened in likewise and gave his
(opp) opinion in a short but handsome address, which went to inculcate
nothing but genuine Republican principles. The elder gent'n withdrew
and the meeting took up their business again which caused considrable
debate and detained them till past ten o'clock. The Con'n being read a
2nd time it was finally agreed to adopt it with such amendments as might
be found expedient. A Committee of revision was appointed, consisting of
the following gentlemen, viz; Tho's G. Abel, Wm Haswell & Hiland Hall,
to report at next Mtg

132 TUESDAY, SEPT. 21st Continued from p. 75 The Democratic Association met
at the State Arms. Chose Isaiah J. Hendryx, Chair-
man - Wm Haswell, Sec'y - New members, or rather others who were not pres
ent at the other meet'g being in, for their information, the Berkshire
Constitution was read previous to the reading of that which was reported
by the revising committee, which latter was adopted without any material

objection and signed by 28 persons. Its title is "The Constitution of the the Association of the Sons of Liberty in the Town of Bennington." No person is obliged to pay any fee for admittance, but must furnish such donation as he sees fit. None but good moral characters recommended
133 by two or more persons can become members - refreshment of all kinds, except water excluded from the meetings, unless admitted by a vote of two thirds of the members present. At the time of a person becoming a member he is to assent to a Dedlaration something in this form, that he will support the Republican form of govt, the constitution of this & the U.S. and so forth. Any person belonging to the Association proved guilty of any gross immoral conduct is subject to expulsion. No person under the age of 16, nor over that of 30 years, can be a member of this association, unless by unanimous consent of all pres't. The officers to be chosen semi-annually, on the last Wednesday of September & March, viz - a President, Vice President, Sec'y, Treasurer, Board of Trustees con-
134 sisting of five persons, two standard bearers and a (Marhall) Marshal, whos several duties and other particulars I shall for want of precision and time omit to insert. In almost all cases a majority of the members is to govern. This meeting adjourned till Wednesday - 29th Sept - One thing I have passed over as I generally do in all my attempts at description or narration, which is the discussing power of the Association, which extends to all Religious, Political and Moral questions.

WEDNESDAY Evening, SEPT 29th From p. 77 Association met and chose Thos G Abel, President, Demas Robinson, Vice President, Wm Haswell, Secretary, Hiland Hall, Treasurer
135 Safford Robinson, Henry Harwood, Hiram Harwood and Trustees, Jonas Safford and Isaiah J. Hendryx, Standard bearers, and Martin Scott, Marshal - No other business this evening - adjourned till Wednesday, October 13th - at which meeting three new members presented themselves, among whom was Asa Doty 2nd - A contribution was made which raised $7.1/2 and a question put forth for next evenings discussion - " Which was most to be relied on for national defence, in regard to the U.S., Military or Naval". This Q8n was discussed and decided at a meeting which I did not attend. See last line of page 96 - and p. 107 Likewise p. 117 to p. 120

136 SUNDAY, DEC 19th Greatly vexed at bad luck in writing.

MONDAY, DEC. 20th Something was done at getting wood. In the evening had company - The Misses Theod'a Montague and Sally Stone, and Messrs N.R.Locke and Dan'l Montague. Dr Jonas Harwood & his friend paid Mr J. House and gen J. Gates a friendly visit in the evening.

TUESDAY, DEC. 21st Very cold and dry. Capt Harwood out drawing wood for E.Waters.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22nd In the woods - In the evening was dispatched with waggon and horses to gather gallant Miss Polly Thompson - tayloress - to this mansion to do a job of work in her line for the family - Could not be ready to leave Mr P. Dewey's till 8 or 9 in the ev'g Visited J.G.Hendryx's on business - held candle for Sam'l Robinson, my relative, while he sawed in pieces a quarter of beef for Mr H.- Discoursed a
137moment or two with Miss S. Beeman and Mr H'm Hill - when came away from Mr H's took a vest pattern on conditions - $2.50 - at Dewey's found Mr Rich & Mr Ripley who appeared rather troublesome on account of intoxication. Got home with Miss T. past 9. Read Bigland.

1813 THURSDAY, DEC. 23d Mr I.J.Hendryx cut me a great coat to which would have no cape. Returned the pattern which I took of Mr H. and purchased one nearly as fine at Mr Patchin's at $2.12½ In the evening visited Mr E. Fay's Jun'r. Mr Wm Greene came there and desired me to take the school - refused and offered to round and notify a School meeting to see if they would hire some other more proper person the next Sunday evening to which he readily assented. Mild dry wethr

138 FRIDAY, DEC.24th A cold day - Attended, in the eve'g,a meeting of the Sons of Liberty at the Printing Office. The committee appointed to collect Socks & Mittens reported - 11 prs of the former 63 pairs of the latter brought in and there remained still to be collected not far from 80 pairs including both kinds. Mr Wm Haswell having urgent private business to attend to, requested the association to appoint a sec'y pro tem,which was agreed to, Mr B. Edwards being the per son appointed to the office. But Mr E., after endeavoring to display a wonderful fund of urbanity and self-denial - requested to be excused, which was readily granted, and Mr D. Clark chosen inhis stead. There not being many present, some were for adjourning, but the prevailing opinion was opposed to it, and so the Associa progressed in discussing the question viz "Is it right to take life for any crime".

139 Mr Edwards being the first on the affirmative, proceeded in his usual tedious tract, to defend his position, which throwing aside the superflu ous parts was fraught with much useful information. Mr Clark followed in opposition but did not preserve that steadiness and candour which gives dignity to argumentative dispute. I shall not even attempt to insert the names of those who spoke on this important question much less, a review of their several speeches, which except Mr Edwards' and Mr Demas Robinson's, were quite brief - and were I to give my opinion on the manner and style of speaking I should give the preference to Mr D. Robinson, on the nega'e. The decision was made by the Presdt according to argument in the affirm'e

140 Another question was proposed by Mr Haswell and accepted,to-wit "Is there more happiness to be enjoyed in the single than in the Marriage life?". Mr D. Ormsby was admitted into the Association. Voted, that the Sec'y write a letter to absent members of the S & M Committee. Chose Dr Clark committee to carry the socks and mittens to the soldiers with discretionary permission to convey them either to Petersburgg or Frank Mills - to find sufficient sureties in the sum of $200 for the faithful dis - charge of the trust reposed in him - Chose a committee from among the ladies to draft an address to to the Soldiers in behalf of their friends who had so generously

141 lent a helping had in bestowing the above articles on the brave defenders of their country. They were the Misses Polly Hathaway, Minerva Griswold and Sarah Robinson - Mr D. Clark was delegated with authority to acquaint them with their appointment - The Pt & Sec'y were ordered to write an address in behlf of the Association to the Soldiers. Adjourned to Wednesday, 29th Dec'r - 5 o'clock P.M.

SATURDAY, DEC 25th Now engaged in getting out Sp wheat - went to the S. part of the town to notify a school meeting the ensuing eve'g - Called and made a short stay at Capt Norton's - Miss Lucretia was mopping her kitchen floor - talked with her about music - was present ed with some new pieces. In the evening

142 at Mr Parsons' - conversing with widow Campbell - Rec'd from Washington City, National Intelligencer - Dec 7th to the 18th.

SUNDAY,Dec 26th Wrote several pages of this Journ'l - Fixed up all so fine and carried Miss Thompson's goose to Pliny Dewey's - Called at Mr Parson's - Saw there Mr H. Mellen, Mr H. House & Mr B. Loomis. Extremely cold indeed.

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MONDAY, DEC. 27th Winnowed spring wheat of which there were 24 Bu No English grain remained after this for us to thresh - Swapped Suwannow boots with Dr Jonas Harwood - agreed to pay him $2½ to boot

TUESDAY, DEC.28th Walked to town and attended County Court - Heard evidence in a case between a Mr Cleaver, plaintif and Silas Walbridge,Junr defendant - See p. 164

143 WEDNESDAY, DEC.29th In the woods with friend Ira and had some bad luck - Snowy, but too thin to afford good sleighing. Omitted attending an Association meeting. Mr Locke invited me to go to Pittstown with him, but declined on account of thin sleighing

THURSDAY,DEC. 30th Capt Harwood wrecked his horse sled drawing wood. Rather cold.

FRIDAY,DEC 31st We now commenced getting up a wood pile. Mr Ed'd Locke & lady, Mr N. Locke, Miss S. Stone, Miss S. Waters and Miss Lydia Harwood were at capt J. Hatwoods this evening. Amused themselves playing & dancing. Poor sleighing ends the year in this part of the county. Cold & dray.

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144 SATURDAY,JANY 1st In the woods. A small cow was killed weighing 526. Mild weather & but little snow.

SUNDAY,JANY 2nd Made preparations for going to Church but suddenly altered my course and with J.Rogers travelled S. to Mr Ed'd Lockes intending to visit him and his brother who to my disappointment had gone to their father's. Rogers went to House's - saw no more of him that day - staid 2 or 3 hours at L's - wrote a letter to Tim & Henry Blake of 11th R. U.S.Inf'y at French M's and some other nonsense. In my way from Mr L's spent a few moments in conversation with Mr F. Jewett & Mr Nath'l Ripley on War and taxes, speculation &c - Called at capt. Norton's - had conversation with John Junr - supped & walked to Mr Loomis' with him. His business was to invite Miss P. Smith &
145 Miss S. Loomis to a Ball, which he executed in something like the following - " Ladies have you had an invitation to this Dido?" Our stay was short. Mr T. invited me to call at his house,but refused, being in haste to reach home. Appearances indicated a thaw or a snow storm at hand,but in the evening began to grow cold.

MONDAY,JANY 3rd Very cold, and no business of importance pursued. Wrote a few pages in this book. My ideas were clear and unshackled with gloominess

TUESDAY, JANY 4th Made preparations for attending a ball at Mr J. House's in the evening - gallanted thence, the Misses Lydia Harwood, Sophia Waters, and Sally Stone - and in Co. with Mr J. Gates brought on Miss J. Fay and Miss S.Billing.
146 The fiddlers (both whom were not equal to a good one half drunk) arrived about 6 o'clock, but their ill conduct and the severity of the weather greatly detracted from the pleasures of the scene. Had the pleasure of hearing Richard Willoughby play some excellent pieces on his Violin. The B. ended about half past 1 o'clock. The Bill was $9.50 divided among eleven gentlemen - supposed myself justly included but was informed, as I did not dance, nor partake of beverage, that it was considered I had done my part in bringing on the Ladies - so I

prepared my sleigh, took in the ladies in hopes, without difficulty or risk, to speedily convey them to their respective homes, but, after leaving Miss Fay, for whose accommodation, my coachman, Mr J. Rogers turned out of the
147 out of the road a little; we had the mortification of finding ourselves turned off a little bank into the road. Nobody injured, except Miss Stone and she not seriously. We replaced ourselves & affairs & came home without meeting with any further trouble. Excessively cold till midnight, when it grew more mild.

WEDNESDAY, JANY 5th Happened accidentally to call at Mr Parsons' - found Miss S. tolerably bright - had not suffered so much from last nights adventure as might have been expected - Worked in the woods - Felt the worse for wear - as people generally do, I suppose, in similar cases.

THURSDAY, JANY 6th Assisted friend Ira about driving some yg cattle on their way to Wilmington, as far as the road to the Furnace. Borrowed A. Stiles' Junr's flute.
148 Dr J.Harwood in Co with Mr A. Haswell commenced his journey for Hopkinton, N.Y. Benj'n Harwood and Ellis Doty settled acts - $8.7 due the latter gentleman. Disappointed about going to the N. part of the town, by Mr Evans who had the sleigh. Mr Locke, myself & ladies visited at Mr Montagues'. Miss Stone was unable to attend. Mild Weathr

FRIDAY, JANY 7th In the woods. Rather off about going to Mr Ed'd Lockes' with Misses Lydia & Sophia, but they finally prevailed upon me to go - Mr Robinson the S. Master went with us - Had an agreeable vist - the compy had their cards & 1 my flute Messrs L. Jewett, L. Smith, G. House, & Nathl Locke & Miss L.House were there.

SATURDAY, JANY 8th With the Misses Harwood made a pleast P.M.vist at capt P.Harwood's-there were prest that evg Mr
149 Hiram Harwood of the Army, Mr Henry & Mr John Harwood & Mr S. H. Blackmer, all three, S Mas's - Had to ride to Mr Downer's - Mrs Rice his daughter-in-law very ill. Gre atly disapp'd. Mr N. Locke who had intended going with us, but not arriving at the time app'd and we, after getting ready, feeling extremely anxious to improve all the time, & being totally uncertain as to his coming, we proceeded onward without waiting for him. The young man arrived on the ground in 20 minures after our departure, and was not a little chagrined at his fortune. Capt Ira, greatly fatigued, arrived from Wilmington - was plagued to get along with his cattle - left one of them at Mr Week's , which he brought back with him - staid Thursdy eve'g at Perry's - the cattle 7 in No. hired Mr D. 7 to keep one year.

150 SUNDAY, JANY 9th Wrote an explanatory letter to Mr Locke - likewise to Miss Laura Norton on nonsense, or more correctly I might say - made up of that kind of stuff. Gallanted Miss Waters to Mr Parsons' that she might pay Miss Stone a short friendly visit. Read Bigland this evening.

MONDAY, JANY 10th In the woods, In the forepart of the evening was at one of the neighbor's where was Miss T. Montzgue & Miss H. Sprague on a visit.

TUESDAY, JANY 11th Visited the P.O. in the morning - got a set of Washington papers abd a letter from H.A.Fay da-

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ted ted A nnapolis, Jan'y 3rd., 1814

Well, my good old scholar, I have had your letter a long time on hand, & to tell you the reasons for
151 not answering it sooner, would take up this whole sheet, without being at all interesting - I therefore omit it.

I have rec'd the grand doings of the great Council of Censors & the Legis'e of Vermont and am ashamed that so many tories were found in my Native State. There are certainly many of their acts which smell strongly of Aristocracy in the old English form; this making Judges during good behaviour is too much like making Kings for life - they ought to have gone one step farther and made their Judge-ships hereditary, which would undoubtedly give some people as wise for Judges as Geo 3rd is for a King who we all know never had wit enough to make a pewter button, altho' he's called a button makr
152 - by some late bulletins I have seen, it is discovered by his Physicians that his Majesty went to bed after eating 4 lbs beef, slept 3 hours, waked & sneezed 7 times & -------- once, & was pronounced a great deal better - Now I'll venture that if my old friend Sergt Ben should sneeze a thousand times, and no one would think of publishing any bulletin about it . But with respect to fixing Judges, for or rather during good behaviour, I have many objections to it - I have disputed Col Fay on the subject - See p. 213 - the truth is they can not be impeached altho' they may commit very gross & palpable errors and even crimes - No one doubts but old Judge Chase was guilty - and no one doubts the guilt of A'n Burr,
153 yet we all see they were not convicted and punished. It is argued that Judges will be more independent if kept in office so long - I say that any man that is disposed to be honest and to do rightly, can do so altho he might know he would remain in office but 1 year - & certainly none but an honest man ought to be a Judge - every man will be wrought upon by his prejudice & his passions whether he be in office for 1 yr or for life - the Tories had an object in recommending such a measure & will doubtless alter the Constitution so as to make Judges of their own stamp - then if the Republicans should hereafter gain the ascendancy they would be obliged to amend or alter the Constitution again in order to oust the said judges - but a volume might be said on this subject, which I have not time now to write.

154 Tell my good old friend Dr Jonas that I am heartily glad to hear of his total recovery & that he begins to pick up his ears and talk about "The Widow" - I hope he will find one to his mind, & that she will be to him all a wife should be - & tell my brother fisherman, capt Kibbie (Friend Ira) that if he goes again into the new Countries, I do not think of any place affording so many advantages as the Buffalos would or Hol'd Purchase. It's a pity that 'Docia hates to go so far from home - tell her to cheer up and make a home wherever she goes.

As for the thing (meaning a phrase used by Mothr (H.H.) tell aunt 'Damia that I have experienced a little drawing this winter & can Guess a little how she feels - my way is to fiddle it off - & as she cant fiddle she must dance it off - I should
155 like to see her and the Sergt dance a jigg. - it would do me much good. My paper is out before I had gotten half through -

H. A. Fay

P.S. A flag of Truce arrived here Thursday last 40 days from Falmouth, England, with despatches for Govt - we know nothing of their contents - they bring news that on the 16th., 18th., & 19th of Oct'r three great Battles were fought, in which Bonap'e lost 80000 men and retreated behind the Rhine on his way to Paris - This is an English acc't & if true, it will be the 1st th't England has told these 20 years past. At the Batl of Austerlitz Jena fired land, and Wagram, we accd Eng at the time first - and they always stated the result in thr own favor, when a few days proved it against them - it may be so in

1814 this case - at least I hope so. My very best respects to all the family. Your friend,
H. Harwood H. A. Fay
156 Accounts were this day settled with Timo Palmer & S.Harwood & Son To the former father was indebted L i-0-6, paid him cash in hand Lumped & set off even with the latter.

WEDNESDAY, JANY 12th In the woods. Mrs Dexter and Mrs Waters visd at our house this P.M. - their husbands came down in the evening - Dr Wright came too, but did not tarry long- Was absent myself - very reluctantly, as it was the wish of the gent'n to hear me play the flute.

THURSDAY, JANY 13th Capt I.Harwood & lady set out for Springfield (Mass) on a visit. Went into the Wds.
A conference this evening was holden by Miss R. Harwood, Miss L. Harwood and Miss S. Waters in Mr I. Harwood's kitchen with me on a subject nearly touching my personal interest. It was several times
157 by one accident or other & finally broken off by the arrival of com pany both from the N. and the S. - from the former Messrs J. Norton Jr, E. Smith, L. Smith & Gideon House, and Miss Laura Norton, from the latter Mr John Harwood, and Sergt Hiram Harwood with Miss Ra & La Harwood, who tarried rather late - the others went away about 9 o'clock. Still day dry and cold

FRIDAY, JANY 14th Again in the woods. In the evening attended a meeting of "The Sons of Liberty". Quest before the Assn was ¾ Whether our fore-fathers had a right to settle this country in the manner they did. After debate - decided in the Nega
A number of questions were laid before the Assn which were sevrally rejected, except the last on the list and that too after it had oce casioned considerable altercation shared the same fate. Messrs
158 B. Edwards and I.J.Hendryx oppos'd and Messrs Clark & Haswell advocated its adoption. The Question proposed was something like this- Whether it were proper to admit ladies into our meetings? For my part I felt no great anxiety about the affair. - was sorry to see so much warmth displayed on so trivial a point & the waste of time. However, it was flung out and the Quest'n "Whether manufactures were more deneficial to the U.S. than Commerce" was adopted for the next evening's discussion. Previous to the dispute mentioned, Mr Clark suggested to me the propriety of bringing up a motion to have some person of the Ass'n app'td to deliver an address before them.
I arose and made the motion which was adopted, but did not at first understand it according to the letter of the resolution my mean
159 ing that a person so app'td could select or originate at his own option. It was not construed in that way by the Ass'n; they took it that an address must be framed by the addresser. The resolve having passed, Secretary Haswell jumped from his seat and nominated Mr Hiram Harwood, 1st to fill the office, which was agreed to. I arose and informed the Ass'n that they had made choice of a most unfit per son to perform the duty assigned him, and earnestly begged to be excused. My friend Mr Locke moved to that effect, and being seconded it was tried and lost by an almost ananimous vote. So I had to stand Mr Safford Robinson was Presdt pro'm and it was voted that in future a Pres't pro'm should stand from time to time till the Pres't resume the chair.

160 SATURDAY, JANY 15th In the w'ds Mr D.Robinson came and informed us that the state of his health forbade his contin uing our school. Hazy and likely for snow.

SUNDAY, JANY 16th A large snow fall which occasioned good sleighing to follow - the first of that quality to be seen in this part of the country during the season - Collected together news-pap'rs. Read Proctord & Harrison's Letters - Erroneous insertion. Not a very cold evening. Wrote a letter of some lengtht to Miss Melissa Street, which was fraught with no small portion of nonsense. Wished to carry that and one written by Miss Lyd'a Harwood to Mr P. Dewey's this ev'g, but was prevented by badness of weather. Mr D. and lady were about to take a journey northward as far as

161 St Albans or Malone and would pass through Middletown (the residence of Miss L.) on their way thither.

MONDAY, JANY 17th Carried those letters to Dewey's and at the P.O. N. Int. from Jan 4th to the 8th. No business of importance performed. Settled A8c with M.S.Montague whose charges amounted to something like $39.25 which was $2.53 higher thsn ours - or B. Harwood's

TUESDAY, JANY 18th In the woods with Mr Judd - made an evening visit at capt Norton's along with Misses L.Harwood and S. Waters - called on Miss Stone but she was indisposed & could not attend. Messrs N. Locke and L. Smith were there. Cards formed the chief amus't

162 By request of Miss Lucretia read some most excellent moral pieces in Murray's E'h Reader.

WEDNESDAY, JANY 19th Undertook to draw wood ~~from~~ for Elisha Waters from Ben. Webbs woods - perhaps two miles E. of the Meeting House - had a light common sleigh - not intended as a wood-sleigh - with the box on - the wood being of a most vexatious length four and five and sometimes six feet long; in logs, a great part of it large enough for back logs which it was necessary to split ere we could load it, which made it altogether requisite that a box should be on the sleigh. Isay under these circum and in this manner I attempted to draw wood for Mr W. got

163 on too heavy a load, by the assistance of young H'm Waters' & broke down my sleigh before I had moved 30 rods. So fatally (ally) did it (operat) operate on the old sleigh that it was rendered entirely unfit to repair. Hove off the load, bro't the s to W8s, borrowed Montagues' s & returned to the woods, took in a light load, which however broke his S in an immaterial part wre I landed at W's, which was quickly put aright - left it, the wood, at Mr W's, returned the slegh anf got home about sun-down. Was considerably chagrined at the fortunes of the day & expected a sharp reprimand from fath'r which however softened down to a few expressions of sorrow for having employed so unlucky a person

164 in business of the kind - wishd he had gone himself. I found a pleasing solace in taking down the Violin, which altho in raw and very unskilful hands, yet produced something of a conciliatory nature.

FROM PAGE 142 - TUESDAY, DEC. 21 The cause between Cleever & Walbridge was tried before the Co Court. The former attempted to prove that the latter committed an act of Assault & Battery in (Feb) Jan 1813 - about rhe close of that month - on Algiers' Flat near Hill's tavern - in running past him with his sleigh and horses - Heard evidence on both sides but cannot state it correctly, and therefore shall only say, what my impression was then - that it appeared an unimportant affair which a peaceable man in Mr C's place would never have taken notice

165 of - and only taken up by him, not so much for the purpose of obtain ing justice, as for a trick of speculation, which I thought he would be unable to gain for want of sufficient testimony, to prove the alleged fact, for no one would swear that he saw the horses or sleigh hit him, - Left court without hearing the pleadings or the charge from the Bench, who, I am informed, took a different view of it from that which I have exhibited. Taking it for granted,that, Mr W's slei gh did not touch him, but that, being a footman, as he was, and, being obliged, for personal safety, to hasten abruptly out of the beaten road, if in doing which, it could be proved he had received injury - then, was

166 he entitled to compensation. The Judge it seems had an eye to the custom of racing sleighs which he was desirous in this way to put a stop to. I was told, that the jury brought in damages in favor of the plaintiff to the amount of $ besides costs.

That P.M. visited Mr cap Blackmer to know about taking the Nth School - was informed that it was a matter of uncertainty whether I should be wanted or not - was told that a young man (Mr John Harwood 2nd) had opened a small school at the house of Mr Z.Harw'd and perhaps if his health permitted would take in the whole Dt - Capt B. said he would give information previous to the next Saturday - and I came away.

167 - supped at Mr Parsons' and attended a small collection of youth of this part of the town - Messrs Smith & J Norton Junr & Misses Norton Harwood, & S.Waters, P. Smith, and S'y Loomis, at the house of Mr Loomis - Walked home with Miss Lau'a Norton - A school meeting was holden at the S.House in this dist by which it was agreed to hire Mr Demas Robinson, who afterwards came on, taught one week, to their general satisfaction,& in consequence of bad health relinquished the employment. Both himself and dist. felt great disap't at the unhappy result.

THURSDAY,JANY 20th In the woods with Mr Judd - an hour or two in the ev'g at a neigh'rs -

168 Elder Diah Stark from Lee (N.Y. neighb'd of Romer) called on my father,his broth'r in law, to pay hima short visit - informed that Mrs S. was in health - his affairs in prosperous train - was on bus's in W' town. Mr E. Waters were here on an ev'g visit. Read corre'e between Harrison, Proctor and the humane British gen Vincent, who so conspicuously displayed his humanity at Niagara, Schlosser and elsewhere, on the Western Frontier - He that runs may read - Fine Weath'r

FRIDAY,JANY 21st Wrote a letter to Mr Norman Judd, of Rome (N.Y.) , in which I expressed a strong desire to hear from him - Informed him of Ira & lady being on a journey and their misfortune in losing their young't

169 child the last spring, likewise their intention of going into to the W'n country, and also Mr E's L Smith being bound to the Hol'd Purchase the ensuing spring - of his friend Luman Nortons' having purchased the Fisk farm, which added to his other possessions & his habits of industry, appeared to me to be a foundation on which he intended rearing a vast superstructure - L N Norton Jr lived at home,chiefly employed in teaming - Mentioned his trip to S.Carolina - Did not know as Miss C.N. had a S'r - gave the names and characters of those of Miss Lu'a & Miss La - conjectured that the 2nd mentioned abe would be married in the course of a moth - Mrs N. their mothr not in health - Said near the

170 close, that rumours of peace were afloat which I hoped were well founded - and if obtained on honorable terms would be hailed with universal joy throughout the country. Thought the War,although pro ductive of great evils yet, was not without its good - that it led to real independence - such as Franklin reco'd in the encouragement

1814 it gave to Manufactures - However, did not wish to introduce politi
cal discussion, to which I declared myself greatly everse - Strong-
ly invited an answer - closed, sealed and sent it by Mr Stark who de
parted hence P.M. after spending a little time with father riding
about town. Mr Locke came up to attend a meeting of the "Sons of
Liberty" - but being in expectation of
171 company at our house, we could concluded it was best not to go - Went
to Mr Parsons' & requested Miss Stone to join our comp'y, but she re-
fused - Mr E.T.Locke, lady & Miss Betsey Faxon, Mr Gideon House,
his sister and Miss LucretiaMorton paid us a very agreeable visit,
the more so because Miss N. gave us some excellent songs which were
2n'nd by Mr E. Locke. The cold was keen and piercing,which however
did not prevent Miss Sa Waters' going to Mr House's altho greatly pd
with the tooth-ache.

SATURDAY, JANY 22nd In the woods again with Mr Judd - a few moments
at capt. Norton's in the evening on an errand -
saw capt. Mellen and his lady there - Jona Rogers accomp'd me.
Amused myself with M'c & Big'd
172 SUNDAY, JANY 23rd Attended to the usual concerns - writing - made
a dry attempt at draw'g up that Address which it
was voted at the meeting of the Sons of L'y on the 14th inst I shoul
deliver in their presence on Saturday the 29th. Read Cong'l proc in
the U'l Gazette of Jan 14th

MONDAY, JANY 24th Drew one load of wood for E.Waters' with an ox
team from the place mentioned p.162. Capt Ira
who arrived from his journey the precending ev'g went with a wood-
sleigh purchased of Dr Swift on the same business, but by an un-
fortunate accident which took place on Sunday morning at Pittsfield,
could not personally employ his team, being under
173 the necessity of attending Mr Eb Chase, of whom he hired a cutter and
harness to go his late journey. At Pittsfield the hostler in the
morning took the harness belonging to Chase, thro' mistake, and put
it on a horse the owners of which were on a jour'y from Montg'y Co
(N.Y.) to Prov'e (R.I.) and they went off with it, leaving a better
in its stead except its having no breech col'r and some small dif-
ference in headstall, but all who were acquainted with E's harness
said they would rather have it, than his,(which I farther recollect
had a harness or carriage saddle to it) & would not make a word of
difficulty about it. The tavern people said if he would take
174 it, he would stand between him and all harm,but on acquainting Mr C
with the circumstance, he was almost undone, and nothing would sat-
isfy but getting it fasjioned like his own, which put my friend to
about six dollars and fifty cents costs. Six o'clock in the ev'g
Mr Sam'l Tracy, lady, son David (aged 26) and daughter Temperance,
formerly our neighbours, arrived from Monkton,Vt. Spent a few mo-
ments at Mr Parsons' reading childrens Fables to his eldest boy. The
eve'g passed away conversing with our friends. Damp snowy day.

TUESDAY, JANY 25th Mr Tracy and family departed for Lee (Mass) -
Had a set of treble strings from Troy - strung
Judge Fay's fiddle and sawed on it most of the ev'g.
Paid some attention to Reid.

175 WEDNESDAY,JANY 26th Worked with father on a very sideling,rough piece
of ground, getting wood. His health was fail-
ing - found ourselves greatly fatigued at night. In co with Messrs
Locke and Smith marched to the ~~street~~ sh school house to do some-
thing in conjunction with others about establishing a Debating Socy
in this part of the tn - Found nobody there - wheeled about - came

home by way of Mr T.C's - wrote a letter to Miss S.Waters and sent it by Mr H. House. Wound up the day fid&g & read'g

THURSDAY, JANY 27th With Mr Judd in the woods - father sick. Miss L. Harwood and myself rec'd invitation to attend the wedding of Mr Buckley Squire to Miss Lucretia Norton at 6 in the ev'g, with which we complied. Those who attended by invitation were - Mr Justice Hubbell & lady, Capt Squire & lady, Mr Jessee Lomis

176 and lady, Mr Alson Squire and lady, Mr Samuel Loomis and lady, Mr Patchin and lady, Mr Luman Norton & lady, Mr Harry Allen and lady, Mr Hiram Henry and the Misses Maliah & Lemina Henry - daugh's of Wm Henry Esq, Mr Safford Robinson and his sisters Miss Lucy & Miss Sarah, Mr James Hicks' Jr & Miss Emma Hicks, Mr Henry Fassett, Mr Dewey Hubbell and Miss Laura Squier, Miss Dorcas Squier, Miss Sylvia Sq'r & Miss Almira Newell, Mr Gideon House, Miss Lydia H. Miss Sophie Waters & Miss Sally Loomis, Mr Luther Smith, Mr Elisha Smith, Mr J'n Norton Junr, Miss Clarissa Norton, Miss Laura N. and Miss Persis Smith, Mr Bing'm Hill, Miss Polly Webb, Miss Polly Thayer and Mr Jesse Loomis Junr. All the above mentioned persons were present and saw the performance of the ceremony - But those which follow are those who came too late

177 and uninvited - Mr Silas Walbridge, Junr, lady and two sisters , Fanny & Mira, Mr Jedi'h Dewey & his sister Miss So'a. Most of the youth who were collected on this occasion - belonged to what has always been understood to be the first company - but I saw nothing that was beyond the reach of any comp'y in their behaviour, which to be sure was decorous enough, but not in my opinion any more refined than that of companies which are taken to be of a lower grade. I think the W'g throughout was conducted in a very handsome style and one in which all the friends and relatives on both sides were well pleased - Came home 1/2 past 9 - as did the comp'y generally - Is good w'r & fine sl'g.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y,JAN 28th In the woods again - Fath'r more unwell. Busy with Reid in the eve'g. Thaw'y

178 SATURDAY, JANY 29th Called Dr Swift to father's assistance, he having passed through a miserable night. Conversed with Dr Swift on Plutarch's Lives - Compared the means known to the Ancients, with those invented by the Moderns, for the dissemination of Learning and concluded the latter possessed infinitely superior advantages. Marched with Mr Locke this ev'g to Judge Fay's whose Violin I returned - having had ever since Ap'l 1st or the last of March 1813 Saw Miss Relief Wit - Judge F's hired girl, Mr L's favorite - a lady of a graceful appearance & good manners. Attended a meeting of the Sons of Liberty at Mr Clark's printing office - few members prest - Mr Benj'n Edwards,Pres't pro'm. A Mr Pratt admitted as a member. Mr Hiram Harwood 1st was called on

179 to deliver his address. He arose & informed the Association, that he had prepared none, nor never should such an one as would suit himself and was sure it could not be so to them - stated his great inability to perform the task, and requested to be excused from the prosecution of it . Two or three gent'n spoke against the proposition - others said they were unwilling to press a man to do that which he could not do, but doubted Mr H's inability to be so great as he had represented. The Pres't desired to know what order the Ass'n would take on the subject - a pause ensued - when Mr H. himself made a motion, which being 2nd'd, to excuse him from delivering the address. The Pres't put the quest'n which was neg'd

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180 Mr H.,after hearing some persuasive language from the Chair, cheerful ly acquiesced in the decis'n - determined to let them know the worst if they would not rest easy without. When the ques'n for the eve'g discussion was called for some attempts were made to postpone it - but unsuccessful. I reads thus ¾ "Are Manufactures more beneficial to the U.S. than Commerce ?" After a dry discussion, in which only Mr Haswell,on the affirm'e, and Mr Clark, Mr Davemport and Mr Henry Harwood on the neg'e took part, it was decided negatively. A committee was raised to frame bye-laws for the gov't of the meetings of the Association, which consisted Messrs Clark, Hall & H. Harwood 1st/ Another was likewise raised, consisting of gent'n

181 Clark and Davenport to settle with Sock & Mitten Com'ee and report thereon - A new arrangement was made respecting choosing sides in debates in of its being wholly at the P't disposal - it was voted that the P't select two persons who should draw lots for the sides which they should take and afterwards proceed to name whom they would have on their respective sides. Adjourned to Friday,Feb'y 4th - 5 P.M. at the house of Z. Harwood N'th part of the town. On my way home Mr L. and I had some very pleas'g con'n.

SUNDAY, JANY 30th Father sick, and, my friend, Capt Har'd absent at Troy, for capt. Norton - gave me a poor opportunity to attend to literary concerns. Commenced writing a letter to Mrs

182 Anne Waters, Stockbridge (Mass) Capt Har'd arrived from Troy in a violent squall of snow which was succeeded by a most bitter cold night

MONDAY, JANY 31st Most severely cold - was ordered to Dr Swift's to get the Dr for fath'r - which was effected - Call ed at Mr Montague's - found all well - spent most of the day in writ'g

TUESDAY, FEBY 1st., The severity of the morning was not surpassed by the preceding day - The wd changed its course and violently blew from the S. and brought on a heavy rain in the eve'g - Attended principally to writ'g - A few moments at Mr P's - threw on a back-log for friend J. Rogers - and acquainted Mr P. that I had drawn him a quanitity of C.Brandy,for which he had bargain'd

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WEDNESDAY, FEBY 2nd Attended to writing - Father continued ill - Miss Diademia Harwood this day fourteen years of age.

THURSDAY,FEBY 3rd In the woods with Esqr Judd. Mr El'a Waters and his lady set off for Stockbridge (Mass) on a visit Sent by them a letter to Miss or Mrs A. Waters, dated 31st Jany-which contained nothing of any weight.

FRIDAY, FEBY 4th Again in the woods with Capt Judd. Fath'r so much better as to ride abroad a mile or two - With Mr Locke went to Judge Fay's to enquire about some pay for military service performed in 1812 - due from the State of Vermont, of which however he, the Judge, could inform us very little - Left Col F's

184 and came to Mr E.Waters' - spent a short time with S. Waters and (Miss) Miss T. Montague & arrived at Mr B. Harwood's where Mr L. passed the night. Tho't it rather too cold to go to a meeting of "The Sons of Liberty" this night. (See p. 183).

SATURDAY, FEBY 5th Father rode out again for his health - Mrs Mella ed paid us a visit - spoke highly in favor of co cook-stowes - made a short tarry at Mr Parsons', where Mr M. came to wait on his lady - Capt O. Waters was with him . Commodore Rogers accompanied me home and entertained us with very lively conversation

respecting his place of nativity. (Branford, Conn.) - Read Reid's Essays - regretted the absence of musical instruments extremely.

185 SUNDAY, FEBY 5th Went on much in the old way - Made some progress in my Address - Visit'd Dr Swift to obtain some relief for my grand-father's face which had pained him severely several days - Accomp'd Mr L. Smith to Mr Waters' where left him in company with Miss S. W.

MONDAY, FEBY 7th Assisted about getting some bass-wood logs to mill Rode to town in the eve'g - at Haswell's heard some of the federal sentiments of the Mass. Leg's'e read by W.H. - Came back to Mr Waters' where were our ladies on a visit - Left Capt Har'd & s'h and (com) came home myself. A S. storm this ev'g.

TUESDAY, FEBY 8th In the woods alone - had some hard lifting
186 Capt Harwood went to Woodford to draw boards for the erection of a (sB) smoke-house - Saw Mr Parsons' new journeyman currier - Consulted Reid on the Fallacy of our Senses - Mr Josiah Law rewnce & lady arrived from Monkton. Copied and improved a part of my Address - Mr Justice Duncan and his lady tarried with us - the Esqr came to assist in setting up the smoke house. A great thaw about this time but did'nt spoil the sleighing.

WEDNESDAY,FEBY 9th Respecting what is written above there are some mistakes - Mr L & lady & Mr Duncan & lady came to our house this day - Mr D's work was done this day - a considerable snow storm came on in the eve'g
187 or rather at noon which obliged friend Judd to quit the woods having drawn but one load - It commenced raining in the night and formed a very sharp crust on the surface of the snow.

THURSDAY,FEBY 10th Fin'd the Great Address - made a sh't fin'l tarry at Mr P's jour. Wrote an answer to Miss Laura N 's letter of Jan 23rd, rec'd on Monday in which tried to be lively & sentimental too - Attended to Reid.

FRIDAY, FEBY 11th Smoke-house set up. Much rain had fallen during night - thaw con'd - Mr Josiah Lawrence & lady, after a very agreeable visit, departed hence. Old acquaint'c of my par's

188 SATURDAY,FEBY 12th Terrific winds scoured the plains during the preceding night ¾ Settled acts in part with W.Haswell - likewise a small act in full with I.E.Robinson. Bought Register for 1814 - Was expected by the Sons of Liberty to deliver an address to them this evening - but was taken ill of a violent cold so that I was unable to attend their meeting.

SUNDAY, FEBY 13th Rather indolent - Read a few passages in Reid and amended a paragraph of the Wonderful Address the mention of which so offen occurs in the preced'g pages. Commenced reading Exodus this morning - Mild, cloudy weather.

MONDAY, FEBY 14th They sent me this morning to Mr Montague's to borrow a sleigh to go on a vis't (to) at Petersburgh- - got hold Mr Brown's flute - played awhile
189 spent precious time which ought to have been devoted diligently to the prosecution of the business on hand - By other means they got the slgh ant went to P'burgh - Fath'r - Miss Rth and Miss La Harwood - altogether - Mother, in the evening when I sat down and sighed for a violin

1814 or some other musical instrument to cheer my drooping spirits, preach ed a moral sermon to me - taking her text at Montague's. It was of such a gloomy cast that no traces of it shall be inserted here.

TUESDAY, FEBY 15th Capt H'd and self took wood from the wt fd . Spent the evening in conversation with Mr Half & Mr Locke at Mr Parsons'. Mr P. & lady - Mr S. Loomis & lady visited at capt. Harwood's. Mr Jonas Harwood arrived from Hop'n

190 WEDNESDAY, FEBY 16th In the woods with Mr Judd and capt Har. In th eve'g Mr Locke, Mr Half & Miss Stone made us an agreeable visit - They arrived this P.M. from P'burgh where all was well.

THURSDAY, FEBY 17th Went to town with Dr Jonas and capt.Har'd - Borrowed papers at the printing O. Borrowed I.I. Kemdryx's Gaz. N.Y. Attended court but saw nothing important going on - borrowed a fife of Mr Gold - Violin of Judge - Mr E. Smith accompanyed us home and played the Viol - He and Capt Harwood were con triving how to get to Attica, Gen'ee County, N.Y. A great thaw at this juncture - highly injurious to sleighing.

FRIDAY, FEBY 18th Fair - continued thawing - assisted in grinding axes.

191 Saturday, Feby 19th In the woods with Esqr Judd and capt H'd - Attend ed an Association meeting at the printing O. No question was discussed and the principal business was, to hear an address from Mr H.Harwood 1st - Some other business of minor importance being disposed of -,Meeting adjourned to Wed'y Mh 2nd to take under consideration the propriety of amending the Const'n. The paper containing that simple thing (under) named, an address, was consigned,by me, to the flames, after my return from town. Mr Edgerton with his Mother and lady were on a visit at our house this day. Continued warm and thawy.

SUNDAY, FEBY 21st Wrote, as usual, - Wrote a letter ~~from~~ for MrsT. Harwood to her sister Fanny of Pittsfield (Mass)
192 inviting her to come and live with her. Had my head barbered at Mr Montague's by Miss Sprague. Read Spafford's Gazetteer.

MONDAY, FEBY 21st Mr Smedley from Hinesburgh called on us with his sleigh on bare ground - Fiddled too much in the eve'g. Read a sketch of a debate on raising Rifle Regiments.

TUESDAY, FEBY 22nd About the winding up of drawing wood. Thawy. Trifled away the evening at capt.Harwood fiddling & fifing (at) in company with Mr E.Smith & N. Locke.

WEDNESDAY,FEBY 23rd Continued thawing - commenced chopping at the door in co with Dr Harwood - At Dr Swift's in the evening for mother - called at Mr Montague's - politics the theme of discussion.

THURSDAY, FEBY 24th Rainy so as to hinder business without doors. Read some,but fiddled more. Spent the ev'g and night with Com Rogers who mended a pair of boots for me.

193 FRIDAY, Feb 25th Was sent by Mother to Dr Swift's to obtain a visit from him. Tarried a cople of hours conversing wit with Dr Wright - found him unfiriendly to novel reading except it be

1814 only as a means to excite a love of reading in persons who have not acquired a habit so pleasing and useful. Read a few passages in Plutarch to me, of whom he professed to be a great admirer. Stormy in the A.M. felt as if I was excusable in keeping the house on that account. P.M. more P't attended to business. Became cold at night.

SATURDAY, FEBY 26th Nearly all dzy in town - attended court awhile - pretty dry - adjourned to Rutland - Mr Locke and I got information from Lt Lacy in what way our Militia pay from the State of VT might be had. Ev'g at Capt Nor's hearing E. Smith fid'e.

194 SUNDAY, Feb 27th Wrote an answer to a letter received of I.Murphy, Albany, the preceding evening. Its tenor was extremely conciliatory and friendly - likewise wrote one to Sherman Fairchild - answering his of June 1812 - dated at Harlaem, Ohio - Forepart of it related to the war and other events connected therewith, such as the Rebellious talk of Massachusetts &c - the latter part informed of domestic affairs - that father and mother were not in health, recent dearhs and other occurrences of a local nature. Read but little this day. Wrote an order on Job Lyman, Auditor of accounts, for the pay of Mr Locke and myself - requested him to forward it us by mail. Accompanied Mr L'k on his way home as far as capt N's

195 MONDAY, FEBY 28th The day assigned for the departure of cap Harwood and his companions, but it taking up much time to prepare, it was concluded not to start off till the morrow. A contract between father and friend Ira was made concerning money & cattle - The former bought of the latter 4 of those cows which he receiv ed on the 11th Nov'r 1813 - paid him 160 dolls in cash borrowed of Dr Jonas, an old waggon valued at $10, including harness, a log chain valued at $ and perhaps some other articles not recollected.

This eve'g visited Mr House's and waited upon Miss Sophia Waters to this mansion - Mr John Norton Junr and his friend Jesse Loomis Jun came to take leave of their friends Messrs Luther and Elisha Smith. (Mr G. House and) Mr N.R.Locke was likewise here - Mr E.Smith played the Violin.

196 TUESDAY, MARCH 1st Capt Harwood, Mr Elisha & Mr Luther Smith started for Attica - Gen'e County, N.Y.- accomp'd them as far as Mr E.Waters' and then took leave of them - wishing them success on their expedition. Very cold.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2nd Mr Locke came on to shoe-making - Eve'g he and I attended a meeting of the Sons of Liberty at Haswells'. Mr Clark made a handsome address concerning our institution and that of the Washingtonians. A clause in the Constitution was altered - instead of electing officers on the last Wednesday in Sept'r and March it was inserted last ~~Thursdays~~ Tuesdays in thos mo's. A revising committee consisting of Messrs Hendryx, Haswell & Harwood was app'd. Adjourned to the last Tuesday in March. Heard excellent music in Cushman's B. Chamber - from Mr Horton musician for the 1st Comp'y py. Mr I Fay, Burlington, attended this B'll

197 THURSDAY, MARCH 3rd An unplas't day - began to take care of yg calves Dry fif'g in the ev'g - would have passed the time much more profitably reading.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4th Carried a barrel of cider to Mr Willison and one to Mr Gould - both blacksmiths - carried the skin of a yearling, whkch departed this life one of these cold nights, to Mr B.Squire, tanner. Miss Lydia H'd received the comp'y of the Misses

1814 C. Norton, P. Smith, C. Loomis & S. Loomis - Messrs J. Norton Junr &
J. Loomis Junr gallanted them home. Dry & cold

SATURDAY, MARCH 5th Miss R. and Miss L. Harwood were carried to Mr Samuel Robinson's for the purpose of assisting Mrs R. who on Wed'y eve'g fell from a horse and badly bruised her right shoulder - Heard correspond
198 between gen's Armstrong & Wilkinson read - A letter from James Waterman received - directed to capt Ira - in health - wished him to come to Columbus and live - had lost a horse which he valued at $50 - Wrote to me a few words respecting Columbus ladies - Informed Miss Sophia Waters that her brother Oliver had died shortly before he wrote, which was Feby 24th - We had sight likewise of a letter from Mr Asa Harwood to Mrs Robinson dated at Sempronius Jan 29th - Had had sickness in his family - not very well himself - had lost a fine cow and a pair of twin calves & a pr of steers - Has a small orchard which begins to bear - had 2 cows a heifer & 2 calves and 11 sheep - owed $174 for his place - the interest of which he paid yearly amt'g to #12 18" - besides which this year he had a great Dr bill to settle

199 Sunday, March 6th Went to Ch A.M. - rode part of the way with Mrs Campbell in a one-horse waggon - Heard preaching from a young preacher from the E. - pretty good - only not delivered in a tone quite powerful enough - slept a few ounces - when he sat down Mr Marsh arose and read over some Documents respecting gen Eb'n Walbridge - who in the P.M. was formally cast out of the Church - Did not attend in the P.M. on account of cold weath'r - Wrote a letter to Miss S.Waters' - Found Mr West ill this morning - felt some alarmed, but he soon recovered. In the evening an unaccountable uneasiness of mind seized me which obliged the man to walk to Mr Montague's, to Dr Swift's, and to other
200 neighbors ere it could be worn off away - reached home between 9 & 10 o'clock -

MONDAY, MARCH 7th Two O'ck in the morning Dr Jonas H'd and myself were alarmed by friend Locke who returned from an unsuccessful cruise, bringing to bed with him a young whiffit which he picked up where he went thinking it was a little dog belonging to the family, which he supposed, had strayed from home - This whiffet made much sport for us then, & during the next day, not because he was extraordinary, but because he came to us in an extraordinary manner - A boy at night came after him which at once removed the vail, which Locke had hung over his nocturnal visit. Miss Lydia Harwood this P.M. receiv'd comp'y from Algiers - Mrs Savage, Miss Melissa Street & Miss Chandler - a fine green silk gown give girl
201 and like wise Mr E. Waters' lady from another quarter. Mr Montague and his friend Judd dressed flax. A p't day but muddy.

Tuesday, March 8th Hay plenty - took the young part of the stock and the flock to a stack in the field N. of the young orchard. Snowed and appeared likely for rain in the evening which occasioned a little visit at Mr Parsons' not to take place intended by Mr Locke and others;assisted young Rogers this ev'g about getting out spouts for sap-conductors. Low in sprits as was always too much the case

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th Tasted some maple sap as I was going cross lots to Algiers, with Locke, on business at Stiles', where I had the pleasure of playing the flute, a few mom's. Very d'k and muddy ev'g - Mr Samuel Rob
202 inson paid us an agreeable visit, having unfortunately for a long time

1814 been confined to the Limits of the Gaol Yard from which he had the preceding Saturday, been liberated, to the great joy of his family & frien friends.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10th Stormy so that I did not do much abroad - Cast up the am't of wheat sold - in the fall of 1813 - which was thus - 20 bushels sold for seed $38.25" at Troy & to individuals in town 77 bushels $162.48 p total number of bushels - 97 - total amt $200.73 - for information respecting grain, pork, cattle &c see ledger p 9 (this page is referred to from P. 122 in this book.) Wrote an answer to l's Waterman's letter of Feg 24th in which after informing of the health and other circumstances respecting the family - replied to that part

203 which was particularly addressed to me respecting the Columbus ladies - that it was my intention to make trial among them here first; if I failed, mount my horse & go farther. and if ill luck attended me still would continue my route until I reached their country - where I intended making a Bold Stand, but if at last should get lienied, would turn short on my heel - den up and suck the claws of an icy old Bachellor. Spirits rather low - fiddled and perused Dr Reid - 2d V with which I was well pleased. Mr L8e went home to see his friends from Pittstown. Capt Ezra Whipple and lady tarried all night with us.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11th High winds had blown all night from N.W. A good

204 day for chopping. With the Misses Harwood & Montague and Mr Erastus M. made short evening visit at Mr Parsons'. Conversation dull and uninteresting. Dark and cloudy, which caused Miss R. H'd to stumble badly.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12th Misses L. Norton, and S. Waters made us an P.M. and night visit. Mr L. Norton's lady and Govr Robinson's widow (gallanted by Mr Denisen) paid their respects to us this P.M. Company, having retured had recourse to the bow for amusm't but found it not there - three it aside and took up Dr Reid who gave good satisfaction. Rough, unpleas't squally, gusty weath'r.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13th Lost a cow this day, supposed to be worth

205 at least $22 in fine order and would have brought a good calf in a few days - the occasion of her death was probably in lying partly on her back in such a manner as to disable her from raising herself without assistance. On Saturday sennight a favorite colt, nearly 2 years old, died of bots - loss equal to near $50 - to appearance the evening previous to its (dis) dying in as good case as any creature on the farm - These 2 losses added to that mentioned p 197 (197) make a total of between 70 & 80 D's. For father information respecting this day, more than that it was extremely cold and freezing, consult p .

MONDAY, MARCH 14th Rather unpleasant - Our ladies visited Miss Mary West in the P.M. and ev'g - Busy

206 with Dr Reid wwhile this evening - Dark and sooty was the receptacle of my ideas this day.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15th A monstrous S. wind steadily puffed for many hours which brought up some rain and some snow - Spent the time princiappally in writing

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16th Robins and Blue-birds were heard singing this morning, but the weathr was freezing and high winds blew from N.W. Our business continued stationary at the wood pile - Mr Montague, as he started for S. Hadley, called a few moments

1814 THURSDAY, MARCH 17th A pleas't day - Near night walked to Mr Eldad Dewey's to obtain cions to set in apple trees - had no great
207 success - cut a few of one kind called baker's sweetings and another called 'The Saturly Apples' - came home by way of Mr Brown's orchard and took some from the red Gilliflower. Mr Locke and Miss Harwood paid Miss Montague a visit this evening - invited me to accompany them, but refused. Had Reid over the coals and a speech of Mr Holmes in Mass. Senate on the Report of a Committee on late petitions from 38 towns in that State to the Legislature against War and Embargo - which was truly good. Mr E.Fay Junr paid his respects to us this evening.

FRIDAY,MARCH 18th In the woods drawing out timber for rails - Really a fine day. A considerable quantity of snow in the woods
208 but in open fields it rested only in large drifts beside fences. A Mr Bourne - employed as fifer to the recruiting officer in this place, in Co with a soldier, called on me this evening in consequene of an acquaintance formed with me while at Burlington & Plattsburgh in 1812 - I was glad to see him - drank some brandy with him & his companion who accepted of zn invitation to sup with us. Heavy in spirits.

SATURDAY,MARCH 19th Orchards were pruned,and cions cut for ingrafting. Dr Jonas attended a private Republican Caucus at (I.T.) I'c Hick's this night - Likewise Mr Locke who had finished a job of show-making for our families, accompanied me to Judge Fay's where a con
209 a convivial hour was passed with Miss Wit, Mr Ormsley, and Aunt Hannah - Carried home Judge F's fiddle, which I had kept from Feb 17th to the pres't day. Was informed that Mr W.Church was in very low health - Caused no doubt by long intemperance in the use of spirituous liquors. Mr L. and I had, as us'l, some discussion on interesting and pleasing subjects. We had mus'c altho' very dark,and mud deep

SUNDAY, MARCH 20th Wrote a few pages and read Bigland & Reid. Warm and foffy in the morn'g - between 10 & 11 A.M. began growing cold - became sleety - Very cold at night.

MONDAY,MARCH 21st Dr Jonas, Mrs Th Harwood and Miss Ruth H'd rode in waggon by way of Paran C'k
210 C.Factory to Shaftsbury to get some weaving done and returned by the C.H. about 8 in the evening - I mention on account of its rare occurrence, that this evening father supped with none but his own family at table. Raw S wind, - snowed hard at night.

TUESDAY,MARCH 22nd Wrote a letter from father to his brother Asa - Stated health of the family as good as usual - that grzndfather was remarkably so f@r so aged a person - that he highly approved of his religious sentiments expressed in his letters - took great delight therein (or words to that Amt) - was always glad to hear from him and as ready to assist him as any of his children. Informed that sickness had visited our families the last spg - see p 4th to 11th - as well as this winter
211 father stating (and that truly) that it was only a few days since he could perform usual daily labours - that Mother, altho' never in perfect health, was better this Winter than last. Capt Ira's expedition was mentioned (p.196) Mrs Robinson's fall from her horse was inserted (p.197) Invited him (to) to visit us and to write soon. In the body

1814 In the body of the letter informed him of what may be known by consult
ing p. 205. We tapped a few maple-saplings which ran very freely an
hour or two. Enjoyed this evening but poorly - Consulted Reid to
little profit - being at Capt Harwood's where I was more attentive to
conversation than to reading. Dr Jonas attended a meeting of the
Democratic Vigilant Com'ee

212 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd 10 A.M. went to town - the wind blowing pretty
high from N.W. which added something to an natu-
ral indisposition to labor - gathered up a few N. papers at the P.
Office and calculated to get home again by 12 - but on the road tho't
how I should like to borrow Judge Fay's fiddle again so as to hear my
old friend Barnet Dixon play if he should fulfil his promise of pay-
ing or making me a visit. Talked some time with I. Fay's hired man -
went to the barn - cattle, sheep and all the creatures and buildings
adjoining - looked neat - saw a pair of twin bulls ten days old which
he was desirous of selling. Col Fay came out and invited me to walk
in, which I did. He was very sociable - chief discourse was on town
meetings and pol
213 itics generally - said the way the Federal party carried the sway in
this town, was, thro' the influence which they maintained, at consid-
erable expense, among the drinking, idle, profligate part of the so-
ciety. I asked him if he considered the bad use of spirituous liquors
more prevalent now, than it was 30 yrs ago? He said he absolutely
knew it was, from his personal acquaintance with the principal drink-
ing characters of that day & what he observed at the present day -
then there were only 4 or 5 outright drunkards in the whole town -
now at least 1/4 part of the men in town would get publicly intoxica-
ted. Dined with I. F. and his family - while at table intro
214 that part of H.A.F's letter which relates to what he heard advanced
by Col F. (see p. 152) Judge F. said he had never advanced the prin-
ciple that Judges ought to hold their offices during good behaviour -
he recollected once of holding a discourse with Nath'n Robinson, Mer-
rill, Heman and some others, which was merely speculative, concerning
the Judiciary of this State and (q) queried whether there was not
some middle course which should steer between the two extremes. He
stated a case in point - Suppose, said he, a cause is brought before
the Court which is annually chosen, which lies between a very influ-
ential member of the Legis'e and a poor man
215 or any common individual, would there not be great danger of his lean
ing towards the member of the Legislature on whom he so much depended
for his office? They acknowledged the correctness of his reasoning.
He proposed as a remedy to elect Judges triennially - or some term of
yrs not much exceeding it. This was the substance of what he recol-
lected of saying at that time. So far from supporting such princi-
ples as was contained in the proposed amendments to the Constitution
of Vt he always had, and always would oppose them - mentioned the ill
effects produced in the Judiciary of the U.S. - said in the Dis't of
N. York
216 Judge Talmage, standing Judge of that D. on account of ill health had
not attended to the duties of his office for three years - yet held
his place and drew his salary, while Congress were obliged to appoint
another person to transact the business who likewise drew a salary and
as much a Judge as the other. Was invited into the parlor where he
read to me a part of Jackson's speech on the Loan Bill which was ex-
cellent - Borrowed the Violin and came home - (co) between 2 and three
P.M. In the ev'g attended a meeting of the Committee of Revision ap'd
by the Sons of Liberty , March 2bd - Mr I.J.Hendryx chairman - Several
217 articles were altered & amended which I shall pass unoticed - finished
the business about 10 o'clock. A very cold evening.

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FRIDAY,MARCH 24th In the evening read Mr Findley's speech - a most excellent thing -

FRIDAY,MARCH 25th Received a letter from Job Lyman, Auditor of Ac counts, Woodstock,VT - enclosing an order on the treasurer of VT for $16.48" to myself and Nath'l R. Locke, $8.24 to each, He said his reason for not answering our letter sooner was the great press of business which he h ad before the County Court at that place - dated March 16th 1814

218 Gallanted Miss Th'a Montague from capt Harwood's to her fathers this evening - very cold. Miss Sophia Waters' returned with Mr H. House and Miss L.H. from Mr I. H's where she had done living at this time. The old Violin went quite tolerable this evening. Father this P.M. attended a Republican meeting which condemned the Am't to Consti'n in strong terms.

SATURDAY,MARCH 26th We had now completed cutting and nearly piled our supply of wood for the ensuing season - of the old stock none remained at capt Ira's - it having been consumed as early the latter pt of Nov. - but at our

219 a larger quantity than usual remained on hand - We estimated the pres ent years stock as it stands this way day at B. Harwood's 22 cords - I,H's 12 cords, making an aggregate of 34 cords.

Dr Harwood diligently attended to his duty as a member of the Grand Dem. Com'ee of Vigl - Copied a list of names for him to present to that hon'l body this ev'g. He returned late in the night and stated that it was the gen'l opinion that if the Republicans wd be at their posts they would prevail by a majority of 20.
Warm & muddy - rainy - wind south

220 SUNDAY,MARCH 27th Very busy with the pen - wrote a few ballots for T.Meeting. Dr Jonas discovered some uneasiness in his behzviour this day which must be accounted for by its being so near March meeting. Fine wr

MONDAY,MARCH 28th Notwithstznding its being a fine day for laboring at all kinds of business performed at this season - Spent an hour or more in writing ballots - agreeable to an order from the G'd V. Committee. Messrs Brown & Parsons made an agreeable eve'g visit at this mansion.

TUESDAY,MARCH 29th Came near to finishing the cutting & splitting the wood at the door. A meeting of the Sons of Liberty holden at J. T. Robinson's this eve'g which was adjourned to convene (meet) at 4 P.M.

221 but did not proceed to business till past 6 - 20 or more present - 3 new members admitted - Viz Mr Jenks, Mr Wm Haff & ElliotHill Jun'r. The Com'ee of Revision made their Report (P.216) which was taken up and after some discussion postponed to the next meeting. Then commenced the election of officers agreeable to the C. - Ballotted three times and made choice of Wm Haswell for Pt. With less difficulty chose Safford Robinson V.Pt, H.Harwood Sec'y, I.J.Hendryx Treas'r I.Hicks Junt Marshal, Henry Harwood and Reuben Mattison, Standard bearers and Darius Clark, Demas Robinson, Stephan Bingham, Sam'l Buck Junr and Nathan Harwood,Trustees - Closed election about 10 o'clock.

222 and the Association adjourned.

A scene ensued which was not altogether in character for the S.L The officers, according to custom, made a handsome treat, of Rum, Brandy, crackers and cheese. Our companions became noisy, but no one was intoxicated. President H. sand the song of "The Drunkard" most

gracefully, an d Mr Montgomery gave a very good War Song. The officers paid $.40" a piece - Seperated between 11 and 12 - My friend I.J.H. seeing the consequences flowing from frequent elections asked me and Mr Hll (alluding to conversion had in committee on the C. in which he advocated annual elections) how we liked chosing officers once in six months

223 WEDNESDAY,MARCH 30th Attended Town meeting which was one of the most extraordinary ever held in this town. The parties were so evenly balanced that they had to ballot three time for Moderator - Wm Henry & Isaac Tichenor - candidates - the latter obtained it by 7 majority - 4 o'clock P.M.ballotted for Town Clerk - Aaron Robinson vs Jonathan E. Robinson - No choice - Aaron 211, J.E.217, 6 Scattering. As they were about proceeding to go round 2nd time, a motion was made to adjourn - it being near ly sunset - first to the morrow, at 9 in the morning - which was not agreed to - and then to Monday m'g 10 O'clock, which prevailed I did not think it best to adjourn, for I th't
224 it would occasion the loss of the D'c candidate - some tho't otherwise - that, in the 2nd trial, we should certainly have been beaten, but those who had the best chance for judging, say the D'c would certainly have gained the prize. Much time was consumed in disputing about the admission of voters, but as the m'g was in the open air, in front of Cushman's Inn little could be heard by those among the crowd - therefore I state no cases nor the substance of any conversation on the subject. It was understood that the author ity of the Town (all the select-men being F'l) especially Mr A.Rob manifested no small partiality in the business. The D'c owed their success this day to a
225 secession of some of the opposite party - Messrs Elijah & Fay Robin son and a dozen chosen characters, played ball and drank egg-nog near E.R's house all day -the entreaties of their friends not prevailing. Miss Montague and Mr Locke spent the evening with us - invited Miss Stone up, but she refused accepting the invitation - which perhaps she may not have opportunities to repeat. Pleas't. Mud deep. Young Rodgers & others att'd a B in Alg's

THURSDAY,MARCH 31st Split wd in A.M. Rained hard P.M. Wrote an answer to Mr J Harwood's letter of March 12th in which he stated his and his friends arrival at Attica the 9th in the morning - sold his waggon for $10 - saw Josh'a Gates on the road ped'g plow-shares - well - Liked the country - land in that
226 township mostly taken up - farms which had improvements on them from 8 to $10 per acre - which he considered too high, but meant to buy in that country somewhere. Said his quarters were at a Mr Kinsleys from VT - Mr E Smith was going to mak'g sugar - related some unimportant frontier news - wrote an errand to me & closed his letter which was directed to his lady. In answer told him his letter was joyfully received - had done well in disposing of the old waggon - Related the proceedings of Wednesday - Father advised him not to be hasty in purchasing, unless a very good bargain presented itself - to wait to see what the land produced - to be careful in making his choice - at the same time confessed his inability to give
227 advise at so great a distance - told him to be guided by his own good sense - Addressed a few lines to Fr'd Elisha Smith which intimated ill success among the fair - hoped he'd not forget to select one from among the Natives for me, as he had prom'd. In another letter I promised to enclose some tunes to him - Also wrote a paragraph to Mr Luther Smith in which he was reminded of his C. sp and his Dr'ie A third I wrote from the mth of his lady - the last asked informa-

1814tion for Dr Jonas' relative to Plean - mentioned Waterman's let'r (P.198) and the agreeable prospects of Democracy - the unpopularity of the Amend't to the C. of Vt., That in Pownal D'y carried by a maj'y of 50 to 40

228 A most extraordinary freshet was occasioned by a great rain which happened this P.M. & night.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1st The late rain cleared up mild. Brooks & Riv or rather ought to say Rivers & Br's very high. Mountains mostly stript of snow. Mr Horatio G. Doty arrived in his waggon from Salem, (N.Y.) whence he assisted Major Bowers to bring his family and effects into C.H.St. Had not visited us since Jan 1812

SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd Assisted about cutting, sawing & splitting into wood suitable for the fire, a knotty oak, which grew or formerly stood in cleared land, a few r'ds S. Mrs Hinman's farm. Dr Jonas accomp'd by Mr Doty attended a meeting the Com'ee of Vig'e

229 Sunday, APRIL 3rd Felt dull and heavy. Wrote a few ballots. and my usual task without reading much. Really fine weather - Capt Ira's arrival (see p.239) Commenced writing a letter to James Waterman - Columbus (N.Y.)

MONDAY, APRIL 4th Attended Adjourned Town Meeting. Matters were conducted in not the most honorable fair manner by the Moderator and his adherents - I am informed by those who witnessed the proceedings, that many of the Democrats who came forward to vote were rejected on some frivilous plea or other, while those of the fed'l party who according to their own rules had no right to vote were freely admitted. Aaron Robinson chosen T.Clk in opposition to J E Robinson - 2 Maj -

230 Ist Selectman, Dan'l McEowen vs Chas Cushman - 40 majority - N.W. David Henry vs James Henry - W. Abisha Kinsley vs Eleaz'r Hawks & Amos Potter 2nd. E. Eph'm Smith vs (Eph'm) Timothy Hervey - 8 maj'y N.12 Sam'l Blackmer vs Perez Harwood. Meeting then adjourned to Sat urday,April 9th Omitted in due order to insert Seb'ns Walbridge Ist Constable vs Erastus Young - Erastus Severance do vs Elijah Fillmore Meeting convened this day in the Court House. S.wind blowing rather harsh - rain ensued - Made an evening visit at Mr M's.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5th Some rainy. Business the same as on Saturday.

WEDNESDAY,APRIL 6th Walked with Mr I.J.Hendryx to Paran Creek Village to assist amon other musicians

231 at the Polemic Society Exhibition holden at the White M. House SW pt of Shaftsbury - Dined with the M'c at Mr David Colvins - President of the Society - Music practiced a few moments at the S'l House - Formed in front of the procession which marched to the M. House and reversed as it entered - Music seated in the gallery opposite the stage - play ed previous to the opening of the Exhi'n and at intervals during its continuance - Gentlemen of the music were - Jason Blackmer (leader) clarionet - Mr Sterns' clar't - I.J.Hendryx, clar - Lyman Cross (in the ev'g) took the lead and added much life to the music - clarionet- S.H.Blackmer, pt of the time, flute - Richard Walloben, violin - Asa Doty 2nd Bas Viol - myself, flute.

232 The pieces were - Introductory address by Otis Clapp - handsomely - Character of a good man - Joseph Warren Cardel - Instability of National greatness - Gideon Slye - very well, but not quite so articulate as could have been wished. Dialogue. Dutch Lawsuite. Ethan A

1814 Hopkins, D'l Justice which he performed admirably - other characters
S. ROGers Hiland Hall, Wm Pengre,constable, and E. Dutcher. Oration
on Eloquence by N. Huntington - pretty well - Dialogue - Academician-
Droll - B. Amidon, A.Loomis, Miss S.Slye - Dignity of Human Nature -
Oration by J. Clark. The Robbers. O.Clapp, B.Wheeler, Bela C. Curtis
A. Hays. Oration on Immortality omitted - Mr
233 P.Dyer by accident being rendered incapable of attending. The Boad
ing House - a lively airy thing by W. Pengra, Sam'l H. Blackmer, G
Slye, H. Hall, O.Scoville, S.A.Matteson, Miss Loomis, Miss P.Hall,
Miss C. Ames, Miss S. Slye. Oration on Female Education - A.Hays -
Good - Taylor in High Life - O.Scoville, A.C.Huntington, A,Hayes,
E.Dutcher, Miss C. Ames, Character of Washington, by H. Hall.
Scene from G.Vasa, A Hays, B C Curtis, very well but not so handsom
ly as I once saw it . Dialogue on Religion, omitted on account of
Mr Dyer. An intermission of I hour or thereabouts ensued - music &
gent & ladies of the stage retired to the S. House and refreshed
themselves. Here
234 I was asked by my friend, S H Blackmer, how I liked the Exhibition?
Answered - I had seen nothing very curious - but tho't till twas too
late that he was one of the performers. The evening pieces were -
Burlesque on Advertisements - S A Matteson. The Miser - Wm Pengra
who performed well. Gid Sle, B C Curtis, H Hall (vice P.Dyer)
American Independence - a good piece and tolerably well spoken by B.
Wheeler. Yankey Notions - a very lively entertaining Comedy, per-
formed by S H Blackmer, A. Loomis, B Amidon, B C Curtis, O Clapp,
A Hays, Wm Pengra, H. Wheeler, H. Hall, S. Rogers, Miss A.Slye, Miss
H.Huntington, Miss S. Colvin, - this piece was very well executed -
235 It was however attended with one fault which was committed in other
instznces - low & precipitate speaking among the ladies. - this re-
mark would equally apply to some of the gentlemen. It is, finally
I think, what we often meet with, in public speakers; and certainly
it greatly detracts from the pleasure of the audience and the useful
ness of the labour of the speaker. Bennington Battle, a Poem, well
delivered, N. H. Bottom. Dia'e Bacchanalian Harmony - well acted by
B. Wheeler, E A Hopkins, B C Curtis and Miss S C Colvin - Dismission
of the Audience - by Hiland Hall - 10 o'clock. The music's were offe
offered pay, which some accepted - mine went gratis as did that of Mr
Sterns - were told that they were highly pleased.
236 with our performance. Mr Hendryx and myself by invitation retired to
Mr Hall's - partook of cake, cheese and excellent cider and went to
bed.

THURSDAY,APRIL 7th Got home from P. Creek 10 in the morning. Very dul
and unsociable all day - assisted some at making
and mending rail fence. Had a snow squall at night.

FRIDAY,APRIL 8th About the farm to & fro - mending fences - Made
an evening visit at Miss Hinman's with Mr Brown,
Mrs Mary West, and Mr Dan'l Hinman - played in co with Mr Brown - on the
the flute till much fatigued - a circumstance which when in health
rarely occurs to me. The conversation was varied and springhtly.

SATURDAY,APRIL 9th Adjourned T. Meeting at which was finished
237 the business for which it was called - Voted only
for Treasurer - Sol(o Safford elected in opposition to Dr Fay. Asahel
Strong, Lister - Mid¾town vs S B Young. Silas Walbridge vs B. Webb,
Green Blackmer vs I dont know whom. Sam'l Sterns vs do, Andrew Wood
vs do. Luman Norton,Highway Surveyor for the S'th Dist Other offi-
cers I dont mention. Dined at Mr Haswell's where heard letters read
from the N'n Army giving an account of the Battle at Le Cole River.
Read President's Message to Congress recommending a repeal of the

1814 restriction laws on Commerce - Borrowed of capt D.Robinson Memoirs of the Duke of Sully. Viewed capt R's globe and conversed some time with him. Came home

238 avcomp'd by friend Locke - Ira, our worthy capt - had a sheep so bd badly bitten by dogs that he was obliged to take its life - found out that one of the dogs was owned by Mr Sam'l Loomis who killed him and promised to pay his share of the damage. This makes the 2d loss out of the flock. Having lost a fine weather about a fortnight ere this - see p. 205, for further information. The wether died by other means - worth, say, $4 this ewe $2. making it up to $6. Gre at news now looked for from our frontiers and France.

Travelling said to be most extraordinary bad. Mild wm -

239 Finished my letter to Mr J. Waterman p begun on Sunday - delivered it to Mr Javob Brooks who was to convey it to him. It treats of affairs mentioned in the preceding pages.

Capt I. Harowood arrived from Attica - Sunday evening - Al 3d the 11th since his departure from that place. Had purchased a small fm, 45 acres, half of which was under improvement including a log house and a small framed barn - paid $127 - took a deed and gave gave back a mortgage - when wholly paid, would amount to $500. Capt. H. appeared highly pleased with the country and its inhabitants (see Feb 28th, March 1st) Some talk was had between father and Dr Jonas about taking a look in that country this seas'n

240 Paid $2¼ to S B Young towards Bigland's V. of the World which is in full (p. 116)

SUNDAY, APRIL 10th Father returning from Church had a dangerous fall from his waggon. Dr Swift bled him that evening which considerably relieved him. It was about this time that we began to be employed in taking care of young lambs.

MONDAY, APRIL 11th Not over-bright in health. Sold 300 hay to Montague - Rainy in the P.M. - Snowy in the eve ning - Read with much pleasure Sully Mem'rs.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12th Father on account of the accident on Sunday had not ventured abroad ubtil this day. My health none of the sweetest. Broke up our sugar works - having made sugar and a small quantity of molasses from a few saplings - p Mr John Evans moved out & Mr Noah Downs moved into the neigh'd

241 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13th Followed the plow - a fine day - Miss R. Harwood and Mrs Rice arrived from the N'th part of the town - Spent the evening with Sully.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 Ploughing again - labored very reluctantly - drank some excellent cider with Mr Brown & played the flute for Mrs West & Miss P. Thompson. Capt Harwood who on the 9th inst bought a horse for $50 sold him again this day to Jas Hicks for the same - Sold that horse which he took with him on his late journey for $60 at Onondaga. Received a letter from Mrs A. Waters answering mine of January 31st p. 183

FRIDAY, APRIL 15th Rainy day - Collected and laid away a parcel of news-papers - Read Sully's Mem'rs. P.M. accompanied father to E. Waters' to settle accounts - he was not at home Mrs W and Mrs Dexter

242 talked about tea and other goods - were rejoiced at the prospect of better times - Called at Mr Montague's with the same view - Mr M. not at home. Read the News Letter till highly enraged - such unreasonableness I could not bear. Saw a simple, boyish low trick in

1814 it - a list of the town officers from the Moderator down to listers being inserted in glaring capitals. Mr Rich paud us a visit this evening very lively and full of jokes. Again busy with Sully this eve'g

SATURDAY, APRIL 16th A very cold morning - Chopped wood at Mr Parsons Diddled at night till worn out with awakwardness Mr Judd moved from the Dr Fay house to the Riley h'e having been our neighbor ever since 1810. Our roads began to mend some.

243 SUNDAY, APRIL 17th Much engaged in the early part of the day with Sully - P.M. took a pleas't walk with friend Locke on (to) the rocks W. of the house , where I read, talked and slept at leisure. - Returned - took up Sully again - laid him aside in a little time to pursue writing.- a task much less pleasing - Bright N'n Lights at night.

COPY of an Address from the Sons of Liberty to the Ladies of Bennington and its vicinity (From P. 117)

At a meeting of the S. of L'y a committee was appointed to wait on you for your subscriptions, to add to the comfort of your fathers, friends & bretheren in the field, in the present inclement season of the year and who are perhaps suffering under the pressure of unavoidable privations, more than is generally thought of "in the smooth seasons & calms of life" or around our pleasant firesides,
244 surrounded by the comforts and conveniences of peaceful society.

To the tender feelings of our mothers and sisters we apply with confidence, and doubt not that valiant soldier on his wintry midnight march watch, sensible of the effects of their benevolence, displayed in the warmth of his apparel, while he resolves to guard their charms, and shield their dwellings with his life, will raise his prayer to Heaven to aid his vigilance, until ruthless enemies shall no longer dare threaten their repose, or seek to shed the blood of virtuous mothers and inoffensive innocents, on the shores of insulted & abused America.

The names of the Committee appointed to receive donations of Socks & Mittens from the Ladies are as follows

Wm Haswell	Sam'l Buck Jr	Henry Harwood
Waterman Leach	Hiland Hall	Aaron Denio
245 Hiram Harwood	T.H.W.Fuller	Moses Sage Junr
	Martin Scott	

(A few words which were inserted over the signatures of the Ladies I omit)

Lydia Harwood	2 pr M & do S's	Sally Loomis	1 pr M
Theodoica Harwood	do	Semantha Locke	do
Ruth Harwood	do	Plly Hand	do
Sally Stone	do	Sophia Billings	do
Joanna Campbell	do	Ruth Palmer	do
Mary West	do	Mary Lawrence	do
Lucretia Norton	do	Mary Harvey	do
Laura Norton	do	Sally Harvey	do
Clarissa Norton	do	Harriet L.Webster	do
Jerusha Fay	do	Clarissa Green	do
Clarissa Loomis	1 pr S	Lydia Fay	2 pairs Socks
Lydia House	1 pr do	Olive Wilcox	1 pair M.
Wealthy Minor	do		

For particulars respecting this business see Journal of the Society and G.M.Farmer of Feb 15th 1814 among my files.

246 MONDAY, APRIL 18th Father sowed his spring wheat on acre of

land. Mr N. Locke came in great haste & borrowed horses & waggon to gallany two young ladies, the Misses Taft & Jacobs, from C.H. hill to his brother Edmund's. An evening visit was made by Mr L. and myself at Mr Montague's - the Misses R. & L. Harwood were of the party. Frosty morning & chilly day.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19th Father finished sowing his sp'g wheat. Miss S. Stone & Miss Clarissa Moseley (a stranger) came to capt Harwood's and spent the P.M. Miss M. tarried the night.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th All took a deep interest in Miss Moseley's case The account which she gave of herself was that she went from Pittsfield (Mass) to Bethel, (VT) two years ago where she had been living with an uncle. Having been in
247 formed of her father being in an ill state of state of health sometime in the winter & not hearing anything more from him, she became quite impatient to return home and with that view applied to her uncle for assistance which he refusedgranting. By other means she m made out to reach Rutland at the time when Anthony was to be hanged. Here she was detained 3 days waiting for the stage which that morning had just started for the S'd a few momoments previous to her arri'l. She related many things relative to the late Murder there, which she learnt of the unfortunate Mrs Green, widow of Mr Jos G. These facts and the story of her own adventure were spoken in language so unaffected - so little of hyperbole in it, rhat scepticism itself could not doubt her integrity. From Rutland she took the Stage
248 and arrived in this place Monday evening. She found she could proveed no farther in this way, because no stage ran from Bennington to to Pittsfield, therefore she was under the necessity of looking up a chance to go in some waggon - She directed her course from the C.H.st till she came to Widow Hinmand's (a worse place she could not not have selected, where they had the means as much as she possesses to assist a stranger) where, after undergoing a strict examina - tion from thar calous old poor-face-grinder, during which her feelings were so wrought upon by that case-hardened woman & her impertinent brtuality as to cause her to be bathed in tears to think how fortune had only for a moment placed her so near such an unfeeling wretch of whom she could obtain nothing) she was told to go to Mr Parsons and try him - "his wife was a witch to ~~continue~~" CONTRIVE" (HBW)
249 She tarried at Mr P's that night where Dr Jonas H.found her. Finding out her wish, he made vain attempts next day to hire a horse to go in Mr P's one horse waggon in order to convey her to her friends himself - But Mr P. sent his apprentice, Mr J. Rogers, with his own horse(which by-the-bye was not so elegant as some) and waggon this day, who landed her safe amongst her friends in Lanesborough whence she went with them to her father.

JULY 7th I questioned Mr Harry Taylor respecting this yow young lady, & received for answer, that, she had too many spokes about her. Told me she had resided in his neighborhood - was acquainted with her & her parents - her father died in the spring - of the consumption

250 20th day of April being Public Fast I must not omit mentioning how I carried myself. About 12 at noon walked out with Sully & E. Gez'r under my arm, till I came to a favorable spot, where the sun beat down by the side of the fence (for it was a cloudy chilly day) - stretched myself full length on the ground above Mr Parsons' against Mrs Hinmans' orchard, and there conversed with Baron de Rosny an hour - arose, rather suspicious I

had taken cold, and continued my walk to mr West's - Layed aside books and played on the flute for Mrs West and Miss Thompson - Bye and by Mw W't, Mr Brown, Mr Parsons, Dr Jonas & capt Harwood entered the room and by mutual consent built a few pints of egg-nog
251 of which we all, except Mr Brown, (who was instrumental in making it it, but said it would make him sick if he drank any) partook more or less. While in the company endeavoured to cheer them with music which they said should pay my bill. // P.M. ret'd and finished read ing the 1st V of Sully's Mem'rs. Passed the evening at Mr Montagues

Mr John Staunton Sr.,Pownal, departed this life on Monday evening - the 18th inst - after a very short but severe illness in the 67th year of his age. His remains were interred this day. A cold storm of rain & snow at night.

THURSDAY,APRIL 21st Followed the plow - Miss L. Harwood waited upon the following ladies this P.M. viz Mrs L.
252 Squire, Miss Laura Norton, Miss S. Waters, and, in the evening, Mis Melissa Street. Mrs Squires was so foolish as to request me to draw the bow, which I did in a manner harsh and awkard enough.

Young Rodgers arrived from Lanesborough - asked him after the welfare of Miss Moseley, which he reported favorably. Walked home with him and had a vivacious dialogue with Mrs Parsons, Mrs Campbell & Miss Stone. Took up the violin when returned home and rarely used it more correctly. Chilly nights. Grasss began, in spots, to show itself about this period.

FRIDAY,APRIL 22nd Continued plowing. Capt Harwood plowed Tho's C. Parsons' garden. Dr Jonas made garden at home.

SATURDAY,APRIL 23rd Father sold a yoke of oxen measuring 6 ft 7 inch es, 4 yrs old
253 to Mr Samuel Safford gor 80 dollars & bought a yoke of Mr S.Montague 3 yrs old, measuring 5 ft for 55 dollars. Held plow behind cattle & horses P.M.- at noon left my straight bodied coat in the field - feeling rather cool put on an old great-coat & went to work without taking it off - Miss Street observing the odd figure I thus made sent me a blanket to throw over my shoulders and a handkerchief to tie about my ears. I punctually complied, wearing them the remainder of the P.M.

Great news came from France - Allies beaten at all points with immense losses - this sounded like Bonaparte's going to Corsica in disgrace - Sad news for some folks -

254 SUNDAY,APRIL 24th Wrote a long letter, chiefly concerning myself, to Mrs Ann Waters, answering hers of April 10th. Quite a collection of neighbors visited Mr Montague's this evening among whom were Mr Locke, Mr Brown, Miss R & L Harwood, (aye, only the former lady) and myself - played on the flute - extremely cold.

MONDAY,APRIL 25th Mr Montague, who had put his affairs in train for removing to Sodom Village, Salem, N.Y. this morn ing set off with a part of his family and household stuff; which made two loads one of which I had the hono'r to conduct. I was obliged to stop in town, a few moments, to get my harness put in trim & think'g my horses would out-travel his, as they were in much superior order, comparatively, told him not to wait for me, but keep on. When my bus iness
255 pushed forward, but carelessly took the road down Col Sam's hill, instead of that which leads down the Henderson hill, pursued it by Cardel's City, taking the cross-road which leads from it to the Main W.

Creek or Cambridge road, in which I was unexpectedly over-taken by Mr M. who I had fancied was at some distance forward of me. He had taken the other road, and not seeing me, made frequent halts; at last conc cluded from my load being high that it had over-turned; to assist me in that event sent back Mr Church, an aged gent, to meet me.

Without meeting any other difficulty than a road badly cut up into deep ruts, we reached Brigg's Inn between one and two P.M. The old lady
256 Mrs Church, had become greatly fatigued, so that it was really neces sary, if for no other reason, to halt on her account. This is a romantic high-land country-seat, is already, & bids fair to be yet more so - a place of much business. On a small brook, not superior to the Tab Brook, stands a woolen factory, fulling mill, grist mill, (double geared, carried by an over-shot wheel) flax dressing machine, trip hammer and a new building lately erected for a cotton factory. Talked with the old miller on politics, found him federal but highly opposed to Southwick, which I was not a little pleased at if the sentiment could have been general in that party. Said he believed he had always been a hot-head on either side. Wanted men for his part who would hear to reason, but in
257 in fact according to my notions of that valuable quality in the mind, I should pronounce the old gent as destitute of it as many of those he charged with the same failing, for he could see no other reason for declaring war than ambitious views & French Influence among the Democrats. The Embargo repealed for want of support from Bona - A good thing in the Legislature of N.Y. to let the U.S. collect the direct tax instead of paying it out of the Treasury so that the people might feel its effects. He said it would be so - in a few yrs that men would be obliged to sell their farms to pay their taxes - such was the reasoning of this venerable Miller.

As we were about to resume our journey Mr Church came puffing
258 along down the hill & joined company, he had not found out my course till he arrived within a short distance of Mr Field's - whence he had travelled on foot - perhaps 10 or a dozen miles, to this place Except its raining a little, nothing worth mentioning occurred during the remainder of the route to Sodom, which we reached half anh hour before sunset. Mrs C. was almost exhausted - as soon as she could have tea a bed was prepared in which she rested during the night. Miss M., who reluctantly left Bennington, was some fatigued, and extremely dejected at finding herself amonst strangers, in a place entirely new to her, and in a habitation which required many repairs, besides setting up their furniture. Mrs C. said she was happily disapppinted, for she liked the situation a great deal better than she had expected to. A fam
259 ily, who were soon to quit, still remained in the house. The Woman, I should say, was 25 or 26 yrs of age, had the appearance of being a person of agreeable manners, tolerable education & good dis disposition - I can say nothing of the man, because I scarcely saw him all the time I was there. Retired about 8 in the evening with Mr M. Warm, cloudy, and some rainy.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26th Arose latish and after paying attention to my team walked down to the Mills and saw 2 rafts put off - crossed the river on the bridge, which is strong, standig on a firm foundation a few yards above the dam, to view a mined saw mill - the late Freshet having under-mined and almost swept it from its site. Vast damage was sustained at these mills, in
260 in time of the flood. Beside the injury done the fore-mentioned mill, one third of the dam was torn away, and the other S.Mill on th the Salem side of the Batton K was badly racked, but had got to be o

1814old. I returned over the bridge and visited the grist-mill which st below the s.mill beyond the reach of any freshet - carries two sets of stones, one of which is turned tub fashion, the other is impelled by a common saw-mill wheel, - the whole lying idle in consequence of the breech in the dam. Held a conversation some time with the Miller who had formerly resided in the N.part of Bennington, was acquainted with many of its inhabitants. He soon discovered his politics - asking me what news, -
261 answered that Bona - had beaten the Allies. "I am glad to hear it, said he, I hope he'll give 'em a drubbing - for they have no busines there - Asked him his name & he told me it was Marble. This conversation took place in a joiners shop adjoining the mill where he shewed me how near, a fire, which broke out there, had come, to destroying the whole mill, which I judged a hair-breadth escape. Left the mills & breakfasted at Mr M's. Took another walk - visited a farm house half a mile ahead - turned down a lane which leads to the brow of a hill over-looking the river - descended it till I found myself on the river-bank, bent my course towards the vil
262 lage, amusing myself by the way where the bank was high, throwing large stones into the water which shewed the colors of the rainbow in the sun-beams. I proceeded almost up to the mill coasting along in this manner - gathering a faint idea of the majesty of the stream at high-water from signs and marks on its shores. A great quantity of logs & boards thronged these mills - especially of the latter - vast piles of which lay near the Cambridge mill. The village is a clump of low houses inhabited by people possessing little or no property (I say this from conjecture). They have a small Baptist Meeting House, one or two stores & an Inn. It is not an elevated situation, neither is it very low - The hills were rise gradually
263 and to a moderate hight, in almost every direction, on which are some pretty farms. Orchards are scarce and young - appear to be neglected - almost every one I saw on the road was planted too thick but in this place I met with none that appeared to display much regularity about them - White pine is plenty - hard timber scarce - Grain at this place and other parts of the country looked tolerably well. Mr Montague was obliged to return with me to Bennington and was ready to start at 11 A.M. On taking leave of Mrs Church, she requested me to tell my mother that she felt entirely contented, the place suited her far above her expectations
264 never expected to see her again - but hoped she would ride out and pay her a visit if possible &c. Miss M. was much cast down - melancholy forebodings constantly filled her mind - I only laughed at her saying she'd soon become acquainted with the young people there, and like the place, bye and bye, as much as she now detested it.

Mr M and I came on as far as Mill the other side Brigg's where the day before he saw at the door Mrs Ault, a lady who formerly lived in this neighborhood, but in no great repute, with whom he was well acquainted, which made him resolve to call & get a drink of cider. I was for going along, but he insisted on halting and I consented - gave some
265 hay to the horses and followed him into the house. Took seats in the dining room which was furnished with a clock, carpet, Franklin stove, brass candle-sticks &c which carried the appearance of wealth. Mrs A drew some cider, which was hard, ugly stuff, but we drank some & continued talking until they began to make preparations for dinner. This was the time I would have chosen to go on, but he was easy & waited 'till invited to dine. The lady of the house whom it seems was unwell, arose and joined in the conversation - appeared to be a person of good abilities. Her husband being absent at the election, one of their horses was
266 taken ill - she showed much anxiety about it - consulted with Mr M.to

know what was best to be done for it . Luckily, he knew, from long ex
perience, something of Farriery, which seemed to make amends for his
boldness in accepting favors - he ordered, at first, some sweetened
milk - and then, spirits 'terpentine, which he and a mulatto fellow,
forced down. Just before sitting down to dinner, another kind of ci-
der was brought on, much milder than the other. M. as soon as he had
tasted it, assumed the liberty of remarking upon it, in the presence o
of the old lady, & her daughter (a fine rosy cheeked nymph of 18 or 20
whose business appeared to be weav'g) Our dinner was in part cold cut
- good farmers fare.

267 At this house was a curious kind of churn with two dashes, but cannot
intelligently describe it - saw one of Matthew Carey's Bibles - Came
to Little W.Creek - called at Union Hotel, drank excellent cider, the
best, I think, I ever tested, which the land-lady said was made this
Spring, from apples wintered over. M. was not satisfied till he had
had 2 quarts of it - (Had my share of it) - saw a little book here -
entitled "Castle Rackrent" - an Irish tale - a lively thing I presume.
Saw a historical map - but few books - saw workmen, as we came past
'Squire Henry's, repairing his dam. Mr Dan'l Breckenridge lost an ox
which melted while at work to day. Reached home at 8 in the

268 in the evening. Erastus Montague lodged with us this night, and rela-
ted a curious adventure of my old friend N.R.L. (P.)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th Set 30 cions in the young orc'd - Father sowed
his oats - Heat almost unsupportable - in the eve-
ning the weather had an uncommonly sudden change - became very cold be
fore the next morning. Leaves began to start.

THURSDAY,APRIL 28th More ingrafting. Our garden was made ere this.
Fine weather.

FRIDAY,APRIL 29th Plowed Mr Williston's garden - Plenty of brandy of-
fered me, but refused drinking any. Mr W. had
my team to bring away his furniture from James Hubbell's Esq to whom

269 he gave a note - I witnessed it. Esquire H. shewed me 2 Vol of Mon-
tague's History of England - folio - offered it me for 20 Dolls. -
told him I liked the book but my circumstances forbade my buying it.
Stepped into Merchant's B. Store - looked at a good many books -
among which was one entitled "Wonders of Nature & Art" which would
please me well. A fine moon-light evening. - Took a walk with E.
Montague (who came from Sodom to take his last load of effects to
that place), to their former dwelling where I assisted him about catch
ing his hens.

SATURDAY,APRIL 30th Chief business plowing. Rainy P.M. & very warm.

270 SUNDAY, MAY 1st Wrote (many) many lines, beside reading Sully.
At sunset waited on Miss Waters to Capt Norton's
Was overtaken by Messrs E.T. & N.R.Locke, to whom I intended paying
an evening visit. The former went home, but the latter said if I
wished to see him, that ev'g, I must go where he went, to which I
assented. Below the school house turned to the left and marched to
Mr Green's. On the way thither told me he intended being in his
daughters comp'y awhile. Found Mr G. and most of his family, except-
ing the lady in question, seated in the kitchen. The old gent, who
was always fond of politics, immediately entered deeply into Europoe-
an affairs which kept us very sociable to the end of our visit. Locke
in the meanwhile, feeling some anxiety, took his

271 son Burwell into the stoop, & after a few moments returned and asked
me if it was not time for us to be going - I agreed it was, but Mr G.

would not let us depart till he gave us some cider, which was very good We bade them good evening, & withdrew. As soon as I saw L. alone I asked him where Miss G. was - he said her brother told him she was ill. I was pleased - Going by the S. end of the house a sash of on one of the windows hoisted sudenly, and fell again, which drew L. towards it, where he stood talking 3 or 4 minutes with a lady. I advanced a few paces, not knowing but that I should yet lose my companion, notwithstanding his bad fortune at the beginning, but at last last he gave up the prize and commenced a regular retreat, with
272 an assurance that he might succeed next Friday evening. He kept me company on the road till I came to Mr Fay Sent's - there seeing a light in the S.W. part of the house, said he would hasten and get into the kitchen ere that light left it - bidding each other good eve ning we parted - Reached hom a little past 10. In a day or two was informed that Mr L. had to lay his course homeward a few moments after I left him - Mr Columbus J. Bowdish was married, this evening, to Miss Ruth Smith, daughter of Eph'm S. Esq - Mr B. aged Years - Miss S. This event rather tended to please me, on some accounts. It is certain that very few looked for it, and most if not all Miss S. relations and friends would have scouted the idea contemptuously, and would never ( ) entertain
273 the least suspicion of her accepting the hand of a person she had so often joined with them to hold in derision, had it been foretold them only one fortnight ere the celebration of the nuptials. It pleased me to see pride mortified. I mean nothing derogatory to the character of Mr B. who I consider a young man of good behaviour carefully attending to his own, without meddling with other peoples business, and endowed with a full share of common abilities to conduct himself handsomely through life. No one has aught to say against the character of either of this couple. A cool showery day.

MONDAY, MAY 2nd Dr Jonas bought him a fine young horse, 5 yrs old of Mr Picket for $75.75" - father gave
274 his note for that sum to Mr P. on account of money borrowed of Dr J. (See p. 195) The weather unpleasant, snowed and rained at the same time - Mountains white at their peaks - a cold frosty night succeeded - in the evening of which gallanted the Misses C. Norton & S.Waters to capt N's - having Mr Brown's flute with me on which I played by the way, at the house, and on my return. I performed the office of a beau for those ladies, quite apropos, for in lieu of a pocket handker chief, I carried a jug of vinegar a considerable part of the way for them. Some remarks were made on the late wedding which shewed in what estimation it was held by the authors of them.

TUESDAY, MAY 3rd Ploughed Dexter's and Waters' gardens. Cold morning - high S. wind - became quite mild at night.
275 This morning a Mr., commonly called Esq., Webster, spoken of P.40, a very sociable pretty behave man arrived here from Putney, on his way to Ohio - brought a small box in which was enclosed a nice wheel head and an explanatory letter, from Uncle Clark Harwood, to father, which informed that himself and family were in usual health. The wheel-head he wrongly bestowed on Miss D. Harwood, when in justice he ought to have presented it to Miss Ruth, his own daughter to whom Mother would, in spite of his directions give it. I do not doubt the purity of his motives in bestowing these little favors which he thinks are due for past kindnesses shewed him while at our house; we heartily thank him for them & shall endeavor to return them two fold, but he must certainly be insens
276 ible to the impression such gifts must make on his children (who are in my view most entitled to them) when they see them given to others.

1814 By Esqr W. sent a short letter to Messrs Moseley & Sherman Fairchild - Haerlem - Del.Co. - O. - giving the notice of some late occurrences - death of Mr Staunton and others &c. - urged them most earnest ly to write.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th Extremely warm weather. Miss S. Stone had the honor of cutting my hair in which she acquitted herself in a masterly style.

THURSDAY, MAY 5th An insane man, unknown in this part of the town but lately from Connecticut, died on the farm of Willard Green about 10 o'clock A.M. A coroners inquest was immediately held
277 over the body, at the head of whom was Dr Noadiah Swift, which pronounced it a natural death. His name was Giles. A relative or con nection of Gen Eb'n Walbridge, belonging to Norwich Preston (Con) Buried next day, P.M.

News from N.Y. that Democracy was predominant - Southwick down (p.265) (P.256)

FRIDAY, MAY 5th Ingrafted 40 cions. A fine day although cloudy Spent the evening at Mr Wests very agreeably. - Mrs W. in high spirits - danced a few steps to my music - in which Mr Brown partially joined her. Being very earnestly solicited, Mr or rather Dr Jonas and I ate another supper with her and her uncle, which was none of the meanest neither.

278 SATURDAY, MAY 7th A crib of of Indian corn was threshed out which was the best of what we raised making in the whole as near as could be guessed 100 bushels fit for market.

Mr Sam'l Robinson came to doctor our old heavy mare whose health was pretty low. He pronounced her out of danger, thought she'd son soon recover if she were permitted to go to pasture.

Departed this life at the house of Mt Pliny Dewey, 12 o'clock at noon, Mrs Mercy Safford, widow of the late Col Joseph Safford, in the 67th year of her age - universally beloved and respected. Hard thund'r show'r & hail, P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 8th Passed as usual. Read Sully. Had some serious thoughts on the great uncertainty & brevity of human existence. Mr Haff & Miss Stone paid us a visit this evening
279 Wrote a letter of thanks to Mr Clark Harwood on account of presents received of him - p. 275

Pear trees which wwre set in 1806 shewed their blossoms about this time.

MONDAY, MAY 9th., Almost ready for corn-planting. Wrote a short letter to Mr Locke excusing myself on some ac - counts - Paid an ev'g visit at Mr Parsons' - found his lady and Miss S. in a mood for lively conversation, which they were not backward in pursuing. Plum blossoms past their glory.

TUESDAY, MAY 10th Garden beans planted, - stone boat built - fences repaired - & ground made ready for planting - Slight frost - became mild ere night.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11th Dull ¾ spirits drooping - felt great aversion to labor - about 10 A.M. began to be rainy - contin ued so till 3 P.M.
280 walked to town - called at McEowens - conversed with capt Dewey ab't the health of my grandfather and that of his own family. Mrs D. had

not had her health for 2 years.

His brother, Col Diah as they called him, seemed like a candle going out- appeared to be in a stupid, inactive state, said very little and slept on his bed most of the time. Capt D. related the cirstances of his trying to put a period to his existence by cutting his throat which he attempted twice. He supposed it to be despair that induced him to commit these outrages on himself. He had formerly been seeking salvation by the Universal plan, but at last he gave that up; which had the effect just mentioned - Since the last instance, he had never showed any disposition to injure himself. Capt D. stated his own age as 69 - his br 71 .

281 Visited the Hill folks - Went to Haswell's and picked up newspapers - saw Massachusetts magazine with several fine representations (int) in it - called at Capt D. Robinson's - Esqr James Hubbell asked me what I proposed to do about buying Montague's His'y of Eng land, told him I should like to purchase it of him - had I the means but as that was unfortunately not the case I could not think of trad ing. Enclosed Mr Harwood's letter,written Sunday eve'g to Mr Sumner Keeper of the stage house at Brattleboro with a request that he would forward it by the best means he could devise - I did not express myself just so - but in something that would import the same - Still my mind would dwell on the frailty of Human life - it appeared short
282 and filled with a series of woes from beginning to end.

THURSDAY,MAY 12th Had between 4 & 5 acres planted with corn - Parsons, young Rodger & Mr Judd assisted - the latter settled accounts with father which stood thus - against $19.85 - Judd's acc't $12.25 Mr Judd gave a due bill for the amount of the difference - found a mistake afterwards in his favor of 90 cents. Plum, Pear and cherry blossoms out.

FRIDAY, MAY 13th Worked over a hough piece of new ploughed ground in the meadow intended for a potato yard - spent the eve'g woth old Sully - 1596-7 & when he was greatly busied in regulating the Finances of France. Amiens surprised - news brought to Paris just after the King & Court had had a great feast - retaken by seige - Dourlens besieged by yhe king - soon after raised the seige & retired to winter quarters.

283 SATURDAY,MAY 14th 1/2 acre of ground planted with potatoes and cov ered with the plow - It took 20 bushels - Dr Jonas engaged to go to Pittsfield with a lady and two children from Burlington. Wrote a letter to Mr Harry Taylor of the former place in in which I informed him that we were all in usual health - pretended to be disappointed in not going down myself with the lady and perhaps waiting upon Miss Leonard up to this place - Acquainted him of Miss Moseley's adventure - requested him to enquire her out. Invited him to bring up his lady and make us a visit.

SUNDAY, MAY 15th Mr N. R. Locke & Arch'd Duncan had tarried over night at this house - the latter came directly from the Army
284 having obtained his discharge; the term of time for which he enlisted being I year - Finished reading Sully's 3rd V. which had been highly pleasing to me. Paid my old Fr'd Locke and his broth'r a visit this evening - they started for Rush (PA) next day - Wrote a short letter by them to J. Waterman , Columbus, NY Lodged with J.Norton Jun'r - had a long conversation with him on matrimonyal concerns. Dr Jonas went to Pittsfield with Mrs Sacket from Burlington, VT.

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MONDAY, MAY 16th., Began about 10 A.M. tombe rainy and continued very very much so till near night. Spent my time at Parsons', Mr West's & at Mr Watson's, playing the flute a good deal - looked over Mr Watson's books - found none of great importance.

285 ------10th a hay stack mentioned p. 201 was finished and on the 11 our cows were turned to pasture - A list of stock is here inserted

POSSESSED BY B.HARWOOD

LST	1 Yoke of young oxen	D. 55.
2nd	1 span of mares,15 & 17 yrs old	60.
3rd	1 2 yr Colt	30.
4th	6 Cows; mean rate D.25 pr hd	150.
5th	5 yearlings , 7 , , ...	35.
6th	19 h'd Sheep - 16 lambs 9/0 pr hd	52.50
7th	5 Calves, 3 D. pr hd	15.
		$ 397.50

POSSESSED by MR J.HARWOOD

1st	4 Cows -- D.25. pr hd	100.
2nd	1 Horse	67.50
3rd	50 head Sheep & Lambs 9/0 pr hd	75.
		$ 242.50

286 TUESDAY, MAY 17th A long E. storm which lasted some days now terminated - Frequent rains happened but were not so cold as at some seasons - Passed most of the P.M. very agreeably grafting accompanied by Jon'a Rogers who was a little unwell. Mr Eladred with a daughter-in-law and Mrs Duncan paid our people a visit. Miss M. Street and P. ~~Waters~~ Watkins likewise came on like business. Dr Jonas arrived from Pittsfield, bought me a fife at Williamstown of Harvey Smedley for a dollar & a quarter.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18th Preparations were making for building a wall,W. side of the young orchard - Took one of my marching walks this evening - called awhile at Mr Parsons'. Mr Erastus Clark one of my fathers cousins sons
287 being on business from Greenfield, Mass., came and staid all night with us. Appeared to be pretty young man - was sociable & and intelligent, but owing to a dryness & cold insensibility which belongs to my character, very little conversation passed between him & me. Rains ceased.

THURSDAY,MAY 19th Fine day - Apple trees in full blossom not far from this time - growing season for grass and grain.

FRIDAY, MAY 20th Business continued like that on days preced'g. Took a walk this ev'g to Mr Watsons. It became late before I had time to begin to fix up. The girls, growing impatient, began to hurry me, which flung me into a pet; at first refused going at all, but they kept soliciting me so hard I consented
288 to go but would not alter a stitch of my dress which was that in which I performed so much labor, if anybody is disposed to think so Did not even wear a handkerchief on my neck, to hide a red woolen shirt which I had not yet shed. I took up the line of march, with Miss Waters on my right - came to Parsons' garden - consulted together to know who should call on Miss Stone - deputized Miss Harwood - I should have been fond of filling that office myself, had it not been for a resolution taken. p. 225

Miss H. requested us to walk slow, so as to give time to her

and Miss S. to overtake us, but we heeded her not, and marched a quick-step all the way. As we entered Mr Watson's kitchen, which is
289 in the E. part of the house, Miss Watson met us coming out of the S. room - In some confusion - which, as it was darkish, perhaps she did not notice. Introduced her to Miss Sophie Waters. We were immediately conducted into the parlour and seated. Presently ~~en~~ came in Miss Harwood & her little partner. I knew these ought to be introduced likewise, but feeling a great degree of awkwardness in attempting the ceremony & knowing Miss Waters boldness among strangers, taking it for granted that I had made her acquainted with Miss Watson, I waited for her to perform the necessary, but to me, disagreeable task, till at last we were either of us ashamed to try to mend the fault, & so we let it pass without notice. There was a gentleman who lodged there
290 that evening that Miss W'n invited among us. She introduced him first to Mr Brown, then to me, then to Miss W's and would have proceeded with the other two ladies, but was obliged to say that she could not, because she did not know their names. This made me ~~fed~~ feel rather small - Notwithstanding this flaw - we spent a very agreeable evening - Miss W's behaviour was pretty precise, but not stiff, and had I, my ladies, been ingenuous in conversation, our acquaintance might have been greatly facilitated. I could discover nothing, but that, was graceful and easy in this ladys deportment. The gentleman to whom we were introduced was a Mr Smith.

It was Mr B's business & mine to play the fl - a warm evening - thunder shower expected which did not arrive till after we came home - & then it came powerfully.

291 SATURDAY, MAY 21st The flock was washed - Capt Evans assisted - Called at Haswell's and looked over accounts with William ¾ Called at D. Robinson Jun'rs to gey Sully's 3rd Vol. After looking at Mr R's maps - sat down, leaned my head against his desk, being there (d) alone and took a nap. The thunder shower ~~whh~~ which came up about the time I entered the house being passed, marched home . P.M. assisted about sending to Atwood's Still, a quantity of old cider, & cider dregs. A very soaking thund'r show'r visit'd us this P.M. Erected scare-crow in the cornfield. Dr Jonas attended the Committee of Vigalance which sat in town.

SUNDAY, MAY 22nd Wrote three considerable letters one of which was directed to a young lady 60 miles to the N in which I informed her I had been told by Mrs H. (who arri
292 ved from Charlotte May 17th) that she was ill of the Fever & Ague, which I held to be a bad disorder and was much concerned at her being afflicted with it, having in store much friendship for her since being acquainted with her in 1812 - Supposed that disease grew in the neighboring pond. Noticed the changes which had happened in this neighborhood since she left it - the happy times I used to have when I walked out evenings with her and others to Mr P's and Mr Montague's singing, fluting, dancing, playing, laughing & talking - Desired that she might speedily recover - believed her disorder did not often prove mortal - requested an answer and sealed it.

At noon improved an interval while going into the lot and returning thence, to catch a horse for Mother to ride to Church, and while on a walk
293 at the end of the day which extended most to an elm in (D) Capt Sams meadow - In reading Sully's Memoirs wherein he states the campaign in Savoy A,D. 1600 in which he acted a very conspicuous part showing himself to be no idiot in the art of War.

There had been a long time of wet weather which we had every rea

son to suppose now had subsided. Apple trees had shed their blossoms

MONDAY, May 23rd A fine cool day - some trivial business called me into town this evening - forgot half I went there for. Put that letter into the P.O. mentioned above - forgot to to have the postage charged to his Highness - omitted some other errand of about that magnitude, which shows how well I am calculated for a postillion. Saw friend I. J. Hendryx who enquired when the Sons of Liberty would meet again ?

294 TUESDAY,MAY 24th Capt Harwood being unwell and father gone to look up a stray yearling (which he found' worked (or what you please) in the woods in A.M. on an oak log, from which it was intended to split rails - what time I didn't chop or peel bark, improved in reading a newspaper which I carried in my pocket. P.M. father ordered an attack to be made upon this log which proved quite unsuccessful - and it was abandoned, 5 o'clock. Father was rather poorly in health - again ascended C.H. hill - called at Haswell's - took supper with Mr Clark; saw Miss Sophia Norton there, but had no conversation with her, having only a slight acquaintance - spoke with my friend Wm Haswell and rectified some mistakes made when up before
295 Papers filled with success of the Allies, and ill fortune of Bona.

WEDNESDAY,MAY 25th Sheep were shorn which yielded about 3 lb pr hd 109 lbs to Capt & 59.12" to father. Made poor work at shearing - took a walk, no one with me - to Mr Watson's - Mr Brown and I alternately played the flute. Miss W. wished to know why my sisters did'nt accompany me - gave her the necessary reasons.

THURSDAY,May 26th Worked some in the garden - P.M. our sheep were sorted out for driving over to Wilmington. A report favorable to Bonaparte reached town from New York - Had driven the Allies out of Paris - A warm day indeed.

FRIDAY,May 27th Capt Har'd
296 and Jom'o Rogers set off for Wilmington with 34 hd of sheep includ- lambs and a small 2 yr old Bull, all which belonged to the Capt. I had a sort of wild-goose chase after the last named animal as far as the Meeting House, Whence, I concluded they drive with mo further difficulty -

Returning from this game saw Dr Heman Swift (I suppose I must say so) by the side of the road preparing a heap of shavings for burning - ask'd me what news from the Allied Army - Answered as I had received it the preceding evening - told me it was nothing but an old report published in the Columbian, which was disbelieved at N.Y. by everybody except the Editor. Mr Hawze had just come from there, from whom he gathered this statement; but still thought it was probable enough that Bona. had driven them out of Paris - He justified the burning of
297 Moscow by the Russians, and tho't it no more than right for them to enter France to revenge themselves on the French for it. I opposed this doctrine - I could not see the propriety of burning our own cities to prevent the enemy's entering or keeping possession of them - Asked him if he would consent that N. York, Boston, Philadelphia, and other cities of our country should be burnt in that way - Yes, he would, if as mich were to be gained by it as the Russians did in burning Moscow. I suppose it had slipped his memory how he and his party had bellowed about burning Newark, just before the British hell-hounds were let loose along the Niagara Frontier about

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At home assisted about regulating fences. P.M. it was very rainy - pretty warm - thundered a good deal

298 Read the papers concerning foreign affairs - found the Crown Prince of Sweden's Proclamation to the inhabitants of France.

Mr Joseph House this morning died after enduring a short, but painful illness in the 82nd year of his age. Mr Luman Norton and myself watched over his corpse this night. Read many pages in Sully assisted by Mr N. who unfortunately was more plagued to keep awake than I. I can sketch but very roughly what I read in that book - it related chiefly to the reformation - the Duke made in the French finances, conferences with Queen Elizabeth & the conspiracy of Marshal Biron, which is really interesting - which events took place in 1601 - 1602.

SATURDAY, MAY 28th When Mr N. returned to his house with me - he was met by Sergt Burk with orders to call out the company for June Training - to choose a capt & ensign between that hour and 9 or 12 o'clock.

299 this sergt overtook me and inquired what young men there were in this neighborhood liable to do military duty - could tell him of nine but Mr Wm Haff at Mr Parsons' - said he was in great haste - verbally authorized me to warn him, which I accordingly did, without reposing much faith in such a way of doing business. I was warned myself to appear on parade at 9 o'clock - 1st Tuesday in June.

Most of this family attended the funeral of Mr House at which Mr Marsh preached a good sermon.

After dinner went to Mr Judd's to assist about raising a well crotch - Mr J. could get no other hands - so I took a nap - awoke and in my walk read Mr Ingersoll's Excell't (or) Speech on the

300 Loan Bill

SUNDAY, MAY 29th Having written as much as usual and perused Sully respect'g King Henry in 1603 when he made made a journey to Metz &c - felt a disposition to take a walk, appeared likely for rain - after much solicitation Miss Lydia accompanied me to Mr Parsons'. Conversation between her and Miss S. stiff & cold, all seemed to be forced. Mr Haff & I made it go rather more lively - about travelling - situation of places - disposition of some sort of people &c. Mrs C was present & jested about my going to Sodom on special business, & about young going to visit her daughter, M H Campbell at Castleton. Capt Harwood and young Rogers arrived from Wil'n - Capt H. bought a fine black 3 yr old mare for 67½ d's

Wrote a short letter this P.M. to Miss Laura Norton in which after first alluding to some scurvy letters which she had lately rec'd from a low character in vindication of herself respecting some late misconduct at the T. house on Sundays - asked her

301 how she liked her new employment ? (Teaching school) Said that I esteemed education of youth the Bulwark of Republicanism, that Liberty could not flourish in a country dark'd with clouds of Ignorance &c. I conceived that I had handled this subject so badly, that I begged her to excuse me for my temerity in dipping into things with which I was so little acquainted.

MONDAY, MAY 30th Ever memorable in this little neighborhood on account of a great shower of rain with some hail & thunder which happened this P.M. on Mount Anthony & vicinity. Tan Brook never was higher. Mother, being on a visit at Mr Batt's, was detained all night - The brook being too high to pass

in the dark, with real safety, Cousin Ruth and young Diademia were weather-bound ~~here~~- on business with a one-horse waggon at Mr Z. Harwood's, N. part of the town. Sat up late to read Sully's , Embassy to England - his
302 reception in the towns between the East and London, at Court, and his remarks on King James, parties, great personages, which were really pleasing and instructive.

In this part of his Mem'rs he draws a comparison between the manners of the two Nations which highly favor his own country.

THURSDAY,MAY 31st Attended Town Meeting to choose a Delegate to go to the Convention, called by the Council of Censors in 1813. Samuel Fay, High Sheriff of this County - a Republican and opposer of the obnoxious Amendm's , obtained the delegation by 80 majority over Rufus Barney - formerly a Republican now what some one would call quit, but nevertheless no friend to the Amend's.

Met Mr Henry Mellen - had a few moments conversation with him - called at Judge Fay's - Nobody at home, except Aunt Hannah, Miss Witt, Miss Harriet Fay & a young Staniford - these last while I sat at table
303 broke out into violent fits of laughter which I rather suspected were caused by some odd movement they fancied to discover, in me. I really felt ashamed of their conduct - I have no idea that they had been educated in this way, but I think it's likely they never had the evil tendency of that kind of behaviour pointed out to them - if they had,they had not been guilty of it even in the presence of a person of no more consequence than I. As I was coming away, at the suggestion of Miss W.,Aunt Hannah gave me a few apples to carry home, which were uncommonly sound - she said they were preserved in sand - Called at Mr Watson's and talked sometime with Mrs W. - enquired the number & situation of her children, which were 6 sons & 3 daughters - eldest son 23, lived in or near Amherst, Mass. - engaged in making one-horse waggons - doing well . Another son living at ~~Castleton~~ Castine, Me. with a rich merchant & another who
304 was now at home on a visit lived at Brattleborough - learning the printer's trade of Mr Fessenden - all the others resided at home,

This eve'g played on Mr Brown's flute & expected to be joined by young Mr Watson, but he was not present. - having early retired to bed in consequence of having risen early to get a passage in the stage.

(Here let me note, that I write this from minutes taken some days previous to this, which caused some confusion in my recollection - the conversation alluded to, took place, training day, & playing the flute as stated, really happened as put down - training happened June 7th)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st All hands out at work on the Highway - Those of this neighborhood worked between Widow Hinman's & Mr Parsons'. Mr Brown & Mr Rich made us laugh a good deal at hearing their odd ox-talk, their manner of driving & conducting business. Miss Watson came down alone with two of her brothers, and paid us a visit this evening.

305 Mr Brown & Mr Haff (he came alone - some whim having kept Miss J. at home) (who I solicited to wait upon my friend S.Sm) were likewise our guests. Had a violent attack of the tooth-ache which spent the few spirits which nature had given me when company presented itself at our house. Dr Jonas was absent at Troy.

THURSDAY,JUNE 2nd On the road. Mr B & Mr R acted over the same

scene as mentioned preceding day. Father & Ira worked out their tax - former $7 - latter $1.12

Mrs Williston, Mrs Waters abd Miss M.Street paid their re - spects to our ladies this P.M. Dr Jonas arrived from Troy, very bad road from this to T.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd At walling. A hard shower came up, during which we sheldered outselves under a shelving rock - (south) north the "Dry Brook". Heavy thunder.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4th Worked hard - raised a considerable body of wall for our numbers - Old Chandler from Putney came to see & stay all night with us. Rained again at night.

306 SUNDAY, JUNE 5th., Pricked notes & read Sully - took him in my hand a little before sun-down & walked & read almost to Dr Swift's. Returned in the same manner as far as Mr Watson's - sat on the ground till I had finished tracing his Em - bassy, the object of which he gloriously accomplished, & walked in - played on the flute awhile - talked with Miss W. about different sorts of characters amongst mankind, & books - took leave past 9 & came home. Lodged alone - Dr J. being called abroad on important business. A fair day. Thought it would continue some days, but was disapp'd

MONDAY, JUNE 6th Busy - no rain -

TUESDAY, JUNE 7th At training I very badly attempted to perform the fifer's duty - nevertheless lived out the day & saw Capt Samuel Blackmer, who had just resigned a commission of that grade which he had held 17 years, lead his company to the choice of a new capt. who proved to be no other than Lieut Wilber Blackmer, his brother, after first having engaged
307 for the purpose of saving himself the mortification of being jumped to all the non-commissioned officers & many of the privates, to re-sign within one year - he intimated much sooner - I had determined never to vote for this man capt.- but I did, this day, on account of his agreement. Had no disposition to wound the man's feelings although he might merit ~~the~~ it. Serg't Wm Burt was promoted to the Lieutenancy, Ensign Thayer having given up his place. Sergt L. Norton was elected to fill it - two vacancies now occurring among the sergts - corporals D. Meechan & S. L. Godfrey were chosen to occupy them - In consequence of the two other corporals having left the company - a new set were to be made right from the stump. Without much difficulty the following gent'men were chosen. Ist Moses D. Robinson, who made a handsome, short speech (and why could nt he do that, when everybody knows
308 he had been to college where all sorts of speeches are learned) 2" John Norton, Junr, 3rd Isaac Rice and 4th Jedediah Dewey - liked all but the last, whom I considered to be rather too slender & green. Drank nothing but water. Fine weather indeed.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8th to Saturday June 11th atended to hoeing & mak-ing wall. Wrote a letter on the 9th to Miss An nis Stone, I would say to Mrs Anne Waters, giving an account of some minor events which had lately happened in our neighborhood-described some character relat~~o~~ed to these which it was probable would lead to a matrimonial contract. Wrote another, to send by Dr Jonas to Miss Annis Stone, at Scipio, N.Y. wherein all such infor-mation as I thought would please her was inserted.

Late in the evening a meeting of the Sons of Liberty was holden at J. T. Robinson's to to consult about celebrating the 4th of July - It was concluded to celebrate - three committees, 1 consisting of 3 persons to select an Orator - another of 5 of arrangement, & 1 of that number to prepare toasts. Adjourned to June 25th.

309 News came in the papers that Bonaparte had abdicated the Crown of France, and the Bourbon family restored, which caused great sensation among all ranks of society in this country.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12th Wrote a long letter to Mr Elisha Smith of Attica GenCounty, N.Y. - giving him notice that his relations and friends in general were in health, except a certain youn lady to whom a physician had been sent & refused employment by her. Hinted the cause of her illness, but endeavored to remove his apprehensions by counter hints - went on to relate proceedings at the training, much as it is p. 307. Being now against a stump, my acquaintance with Mr S. having never been very intimate, walked to capt Norton's to consult friend John on what it was most proper further to write. Talked with his father & him some time on politics - at last we went aside - conversed about the

310 training & Smith's affairs - Left him, and resumed my letter, mentioning this walk, John's saying he would write - adding more hints respecting the young lady. Acquainted him with Mr Columbus J.Bowdish's marriage to his sister (P.272) - said a few words about Mr W Barney's visit to this town - stating that I supposed, by imitating his manners, success would attend me amongst the ladies - Touched upon my Female Negotiations - in this part of my communication was inserted that which would only do for common private, (some would say) droll discourse. Tho't I should have to adopt a certain expedient, ere I gained ground with the fair - that once happening I should be thought a worthy prize - I spared no pains to make the letter useful & intelligent to him - spoke in sympathetic strains on music - in a very friendly manner urged a visit and an answer if ever he returned to this place. Many small occurrences were mentioned not necessary to repeat here.

311 Immediately after finishing the above, wrote another to his brother Luther - asking him how he came on - reminded him of past times - told him that Edmund & Nathaniel Locke started for Pennsylvania May 16th - made some remarks on the conduct of the latter previous to his departure - stated it not to be criminal, altho' not honorable, and no worse than he & a thousand others had been guilty of before. Wrote a few sentences for sister Lyia & Miss Waters - copied a short letter from Miss Clarissa Greene to Miss Laura Norton. Asked him if it was my business to ask him whether he intended returning here the next Winter / Requested an answer - Read a very good piece in the Intelligencer on foreign influence - Spent a little time with Sully - Mr Norton brought up his letter to his friend Smith - with me & the ladies paid a visit to Mrs West. Mr Brown and I played a march or two - Walked with friend Norton to Blue Hill - stood talking with him 1½ hours on various subjects, but mentioned concerns, & the Fair <u>in general</u> had the largest share in it. Fine weather.

312 MONDAY, JUNE 13th Slight want of rain felt - sold bbl cider to C. Cushman.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14th Grandfather had endured dreadful torture from his nervous difficulty in his face - I was sent to call Dr Swift to his assistance - it was raining - the Dr had gone to Shaftsbury - I had the tooth ache - the folks at home

were cleaning-house & white-washing - I was in good company, young Dr Heman being left alone with me, with whom I held most pleasing converse - staid nearly all day. Dr S. came home past noon - sta ted my errand to him & concluded my visit - He would (have) gladly have pulled my tooth, but I declined as it had ceased to ache, it being a maxim with me never to attack a tooth in cold blood - Dr Wright came home from Hoosick before the arrival of Dr S. - wet to the skin - With him, and Dr Heman, had a long discourse on National affairs - Dr H. was in my view the most liberal - he was not for impressment on the High Seas - they both tho' there could be no expatriation - To have ~~faced-Britian~~ peace Britian must have the right of "Search" said they.

313 While at Dr S. office read the life of Thompson, the famous autho author of 'The Seasons' - born in 1700 - naturally of a eazy disp sition but possessing practical talents equalled by few, & surpassed by none. Died suddenly in 1748.

Dr Swift came down, accompanied by his colleague, Dr Wright & his brother Heman, near night, and with a view to sever the nerve that was affected, cut a gash in the left side of his face, just below his eye but it didnt appear to answer the end desired- his pains being as severe as at any time except what mitigation was obtained from Laudanum. Mr Parsons had the goodness to stay by him the most of the night to watch the wound. Dr Jonas, when arrived from Algiers, lodged with me in his aprtment and towards day got up and relieved Mr P. Somehow I required and obtained much rest, on account of having had great grumbling to bear from an old rotten tooth, 4 or 5 of the preceding nights.

Mr Archb'd Beach attended to white-washing. Much rain fell this day.

314 Wednesday, JUNE 15th Rather in ill health - began breaking up a piece of 7 acres for wheat. Grandfather continued in great pain, which considering his age & inform state of health, he bore with much patience.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16th Dr Jonas sat off in a one-horse waggon for the western country, was the bearer of letters to E.Smith, L.Smith and capt. Kingsley of Attica, another to Miss A. Stone, Scipio, N.Y.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17th A smart shower came up P.M. from which we took shelter under a shelving rock till it slacked so as to afford an opportunity to reach home. Talked politics with Mr Ellis Doty to very little purpose - commenced reading Military Documents. Fine growing season.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th 6 o'clock P.M. carried to Col Fay his violin - played a tune for Miss Wit. She asked Miss Harriet Fay to play on a piano which they had there. Never saw one. Went in to the adjoining room with the ladies and heard Miss F. play - she was as correct as any new beginner - made pretty music. Likewise heard Judge F. per
314 form on the violin - handsomely too.

315 The committee of arrangements for celebrating the 4th of JULY as agreed upon at the late meeting of the Sons of Liberty - met this evening. Present, H. Harwood, H.Hall, M. Scott & Henry Harwood. It was agreed on that the Association meet at 10 A.M. and only drink toasts & sing a few songs and disperse at 12. This was tho't the best way on two accounts - our number being too small to make a respectable procession to march to the Meeting House, on

which account it was urged that we ought not to appempt anything splendid for fear of miscarrying - another reason was, that many of the members were to attend a Ball that P.M. which would require their withdrawal at an early hour. We tho't it too costly to fire a great gun, therefore the little gun, fitted up some years since for the young boys in the street, was tho't sufficient as it had been used on a like occasion by older men than we.

316 Grandfather continued in great pain from his nerve. Mr Doty with his friend Alvord pushed for Wilmington.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th Read Mil Documents - wrote journal & composed a letter, at her particular request, to Miss C. Norton of which the following, if my memory be correct, is the substance; That I commenced a correspondence which I was conscious,on my part,education, genius and fertility of thought were equally worthy to the last degree to continue, even for one month. Her refined answers would be, comparatively, like throwing pearls before swine. But as I was always fond of receiving letters from all my friends, especially the ladies, I wrote this, and promised some other dry things for the sake of obtaining her replies. I hoped she would not, in these confine herself to my vague sentences, but branch out into that which would suit her best - thought to that people on equal footing as to education & their qualifications necessary to this business, ought strictly to notice the principal heads of their correspondents' letters. - Would not be suspected of limiting in the most distant manner that I conceived her incapable of expressing herself appropri

317 ately on all subjects. Requested in P.S. an answer which might dispel melancholy.

MONDAY,JUNE 20th Grandfather recovering. At Mr West & Brown's in the evening, talking of widows & girls with Mr W Mr B & Mrs Mary W.

TUESDAY,JUNE 21st Mother was greatly vexed with me because she could not flatter,nor drive me to Dr Swift's to bring thence one of that kind of bedsteds called "Crickets", on which I was to lay in my grandfather's room.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22nd Fine weather continued - nearly finisged plw plowing for wt -(see P. 314) Intended making a visit in town. Mr Brown called me to his door to play on his flute which I did. Borrowed it; pretended, waggishly, I wanted it, the better to introduce myself at Mr Watson's - Went no farther than Dr Swift's office - sat down & played many pieces for Dr Wright & friend Heman S. - Borrowed that of Mrs S. which my mother asked me to go & get - when much fatigued the evening before. Called at Mr W's as I had proposed to myself - Conversed with Mr W. on Bonaparte's downfall & subjects connected with it. Saw Mrs W. and her daughters all lively - Warm - Grandsth growing better

318 Wrote to young lady respecting the character of another young ~~lady~~ young person of that sex.

THURSDAY,JUNE 23rd Gloomy weath'r - some rainy - began 2nd hoeing. Business called me tomtown -,Wished to buy nankeen for pantaloons, called at Fuller the Taylors - he had some which appeared coarse, told him I'd purchase if I found none which suited me better (price $1. by the piece) - marched on to D. Merchants' - bought of that which was finer of him for 6/6 the piece, but learnt when too late that it might have been had at Patchins'

for $ equally as good - gave 8 shillings for enough to make a pair of panta's - Hendryx cut them out for 33" - Merchant said he knew of nobody that sold cheaper than he did. I caught him in a lie.

All my leisure about this time was consumed over the Military Documents published in the Intelligencer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24th Extemely cold & fair

SATURDAY, JUNE 25th Finished 2nd hoeing - corn looked well. Late in the P.M. walked to town. Made a short visit at Mr B. Squires8 - Mr S. not within - had not so pleasing an interview as I could have wishd. Mr N. Downs being present and much inclined to talk politics.

319 From Mr S's went to Judge Fay's - Judge F. asked what news? - replied negztively. Being seated himself at the tea-table, he requested I would take up the Argus and read to him, which I did, but rather diffidently, his family being present. The complexion of the news was gloomy - England at the zenith of her prosperity - no rivals - preparing large armaments to come and lay prostrate in the dust the last fair fabric - the only remaining temple in which the genius of Liberty hath dwelt & found repose on this vast globe.

The Sons of Libery had rather a disorderly meeting this evening which I was sorry to witness. It was called to consult about the celebration near at hand - Two members were guilty of this conduct, Mr D. Cark and Mr D.Edwards Junr- the latter had been speaking a long time on a subject which required no (a) lengthy harangue to cause us to understand it, which had

320 worn out the patience of his hearers in general. Mr C. arose and called him to order which enraged him to a high degree. They used language of a very intemperate cast. Mr President could hardly compose the dispute, it ran so high. I think it was owing to the absence of our excellent Prst that this dilatory clashing procedure took place - our P't protem , Mr S. Bingham, wanted experience & confidence to put down such behavior.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th Felt anxious to read the papers, but a press of writing being on hand, had to deny myself that pleasure. Commenced a letter of no common length to Lieut H.A.Fay - Maryland. Sister Lyd and I took an evening walk to Mr Watson's Miss S. Stone after long pursuasion from her (Mrs Haff) and I having quit the house first) joined in it. It was just such a walk as

321 this - I was determined to go to Mr W's - Lydia would not go unless Sal would - waited till out of all patience to know what she would do, and then went on, accompanied by Mr H. as far as Mrs Hinmans to Mw W's intending to invite Miss W. to walk with me back to Mr P's. Found her singing alone in the parlour - bolted in - she wished me to be seated - I must say I was some dished - sat down & began talking of the weather &c., requested her to take a walk to which she readily assented, & went to getting ready, but before that could be announced, the gent & ladies of whom I have spoken, arrived. Our visit was good, but conversation was too much clogged - as it generally is, when some people are together. Miss W. appeared in as favorable a light as at any previous interview.
Moonlight - delightful wr

322 MONDAY, JUNE 27th Employed in rigging old fences - fifished the letter to H. A. Fay- It begins with a complimentary, familiar question, as I would ask if talking with him - an account of the health of my grandfather, as mentioned p. 313-317 in which I speak, or I should say, write to his honor. Father comes

next - his importance on this small theatre is undertaken to be shown and how much I stand indebted to him. Described his health as at p. 175. At that time I supposed him to enjoy it as well as usual - Spoke in praise of my mother - gave a humerous anecdote of her & the beast she generally rides - Requested information respecting a young lady - Spoke of Dr Jonas's gallantries - Mentioned his being absent in the western country - Capt Harwood and the Smiths were next on the carpet - p. 196, 239 - Took him on fancy's wings to Mr Staunton's in Pownal - acquainted him with Mr S's death - (p.251) -
323 Widow Carpenter & her sons & daughters, marriages, with remarks on some parts of their characters - passed in regular succession Mr Loomis', Mrs Billing's, Mr House & Mr Jewett's families, wrote that Loan J'tt was crazy - that Mr Levi J'tt went to Perry's on the G. Mountain, courting - that, C J Bowdish was married to Miss R.Smith - 1st of May - E. Fay Jr & family in health - some remarks on his father were made that might draw forth a a smile - inserted a few words from a letter written to him by (from) H.A's father stating that they wefe well - Sat down Mr Luman N. as mentioned, p. 169, 307. Stated Capt N's family to be in usual health - in good standing - a word or two was said of Mr W. Barney - Likewise of Mr Parson's & his lady's sister. Informed him that his father's old barn was blown
324 down Nov. 1812 - acknowledged the receipt of his letter of Jan 3rd adding, the forepart it produced very much such effect on me as a Dr Dialogue did, which he gave to Miss L. House and Miss C. Norton, when teaching school here, on them - they always laughed so that they could not speak it, and on the same account I could hardly get thro with his letter. Wrote him that, his sentiment respecting the Judiciary exactly suited my feelings - that, the citizens of his native State were almost to a man, opposed the Amendments to the Constitution. Would not write on National affairs the prospect was so gloomy - enough of that was in print. Requested a speedy reply.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28th Mr Ezra Doty arrived from Rush, PA - said my old friend N. R. Locke was in good health, as likewise his father & brother Edmund - see May 15th - Mr D. reported his family & friends in health - As Chair'n of the C'ee of Arrang's for the 4th of July agreed for a dinner at J. T. Robinson's for 30 persons.

325 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29th Walling going on - Received a letter from Miss C. Norton, a copy of which may be seen p. 332. Very warm - Paid close attention to newspapers.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30th Walling still. Mr J. Thomas came to town from from Harwicke, VT Took up Sully again from whom my attention had been diverted some time by the important events which had lately happened in Europe. I read that part which treats of a journey he made into the Western Provinces of France (in 1603, perhaps) in 1604 .

FRIDAY, JULY 1st Read Sully more - giving an account of Count d' Auvergne, his rebellious conduct & final apprehension by some of the King's officers. This Nobleman altho' guilty of Treason was saved from merited death by his sister's having command of the King's heart. That's the
326 way King's rule - Sam'l of old gives them their just character.

SATURDAY, JULY 2nd All hands of us worked at hoeing for Mr West & Mr Parson's on the Dr Fay farm E. of the road - Corn miserable. A meeting of the Sons of Liber-

ty was had this evening further to prepare for Independence Day. It was agreed to have an address but no cannon - the boys gun, which would speak well, must suffice. Adjourned to Monday, 10 A.M. At a late hour called at friend Waters' played a few tunes for his lady & himself, took sup'r & marched home. Very warm.

SUNDAY, JULY 3rd Wrote a letter to Nath'l R. Locke, Rush (PA) containing in part such information (is) as was sent the Smith's - p.309-310. Something said of the Sons of L. Informed him that capt Ira's lady was this day mother of a fine boy ¾ A part was private - Pressed him to reply - Miss S.Stone again trimmed my head in stile (p.276) Raining.

327 Monday, JULY 4th., Assisted this morning, in writing copies of the toasts. Between 10 & 11 Sons of Liberty convened as adjourned - Employed 1½ hours in receiving new members - of whom there were about 36 - principally from Shafts'y - Chose I. J.Hendryx Marshall protem - A. Hayes toast master - Past 12 formed in procession as follows -Martial music in front, then 18 members of the Association - memb's in general - trustees - Secretary & Treasurer, Standard Bearers - President & V.Pres't- clergy & citizens. The Association consisted of upwards of 80 persons - The whole under the direction of Col J.E.Robinson, Martial (Bad spelling - should be thus, Marshal) of the day. Marched to the Meeting House where the usual exercises were performed. Declaration of Independence read by Pres(t Haswell & an impartial, pithy, nevous, instructive, & concise address was pronounced by Rev'd Elon Galusha, Shaftsbury - a young & promising scholar - Marched back to the State Arms Tavern - Association & citizens searated. The for
328 dined at J.T.Robinson's, the latter at Mr Cushman's, after which they all joined company in Mr R's hall, and drank to some pretty regular toasts under discharge of a sharp speaking small gun, ac - companied by many air-rend'g cheers. The citizens having withdrawn,(various & shrewd volunteer toasts previously given) the Association remained a short time to transact necessary business & then adjourned to Saturday, July 9th., - dispersed as became civil & temperate young characters. Was well pleased with the proceedings on this anniversary - About sun-down had a private conversation with an agreeable young lady - Called at Mr Watson's - Mr Swift, a gentleman from Wiomington was there - conversed about Mr G's address & politics - My ideas were unusually bright - I never talked much easier, or with more candour. Mrs Hinman came onto the carpet just as I was going away - anyone acquainted with that character can guess what followed. Cloudy & cool

TUESDAY, JULY 5th Finished 35 rods whole wall - E. side young orchard. See p. 301 abd page

329 Wednesday,July 6th Quite warm. During a hard shower read Sully - p. 100 of V.4th about the love squabbles between him and his mistress, the Marchioness d'Vernuiel - Mother and her faithful old nag tarried abroad; consequence of rain.

THURSDAY,JULY 7th Mr Henry Taylor & lady arrived in the morning from Pittsfield - to his sister Waters' - would have called, at night when I visited the P.O. to see them, had I not been so anxious to get home to read the papers. Read Gregory's exp ploit on the St Lawrence. Com Chauncey relates it in one his letters to Mr Sec'y Jones - date in June.

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FRIDAY, JULY 8th A Leisurely season with us - worked at mending our own private roads which lead back from the house into the lots, & (that) from the house to the main road.

Mr Taylor bro't his lady here this P.M., or rather in the A.M. I was introduced to her & immediately formed an acquaintance which I shall ever much esteem, if the same impression should continue, which I then received. It is not in my power to delineate characters - all I would say, respecting this lady is, that her behavior & conversation

330 were such, as would draw respect, friendship & admiration from me towards any individual belonging to the sex. Mr T. himself & Mr Waters (his lady being of the party) came down & passed the latter part of the P.M. with us. The former amused himself angling - had bad apparatus - consequently ill luck - accompanied him in his sport

Wrote again to Miss C. Nor remarking that I was every way pleased with her reply to me, only that it appeared not quite free & familiar enough - Wished her, if she had anything she might think proper to write me, to out with it, no matter how blunt - So I filled out a letter in a manner not much differing from the above - requested her to find something lively to write about. (p. 325)

SATURDAY, JULY 9th P.M. dressed myself & appeared among the ladies at Mr Waters' Messrs Waters & Taylor came from town, bro't news that the Amer's had captured Erie (Fort) & 817 men (Bye the bye proved to be only 170) Marched to the P.O,on my way called at Col Fay's - being earnestly solicited - supped there - Col F. was high

331 ly pleased to hear the news, Miss Harriet F. played on her Piano. (p.314) Saw elegant busts of Mrs F'S father & Mother.On "The Hill" borrowed papers and Mr Harry Robinson's flute. An adjourned meeting of the Sons of Liberty took place this evening - I was not present; so few attended they adjourned to Saturday, July 23d without doing more. Returning home stopped at friend Waters' & played for them an hour. Lists were carried in. See pages

SUNDAY, JULY 10th We buried our dog which was killed Saturday evening, for killing sheep - He was in co with a near neighbor's female cur, which he refused to serve the same sauce

MONDAY,JULY 11th Rainy. Trifled away the day, doing no thing of moment. Preparations were making for haying. While turning grindstone at Mr Brown's for Capt Ira; Dr Swift came that way, and halted a moment - in conver

332 sation said, observing a flute near me, he knew nobody that enjoyed himself better than Hiram, for he went fluting about whereever he pleased. I replied I did not think he exactly knew how that was - did'nt believe he would exchange conditions with me. In the evening wrote a letter of a friendly cast, to Mrs Anne Waters, relating chiefly to Mr Taylor's visit & his lady. Here let me insert a copy of Miss Clarissa Norton's letter to me, d ated

Bennington,June 27th 1814

Sir:-

The motives, which, induced me to wish for a correspondence wit with you, were prompted by selfishness - the wish of being instructed & amused, by your agreeable letters; fully sensible it is not in my power to write anything, in return, to compensate you for the ~~trust~~ trouble of writing. What you derive from my pen will be specimens of a mind naturally weak - quite untutored - containing a few confined ideas, & those ideas

333 dressed in language, peculiar to myself, The very flattering com-

pliment you paid my talents at letter-writing you will find, on perusing this, Illy merit "throwing pearls among swine" - what a just comparison - You honor yourself too much.

If my letters should have the power, of now & then, extorting one from you, I shall, perhaps, continue sending them, unless you have the generosity to tell me they are disagreeable.

Your ideas, you write, are cloudy, to much under the influence of melancholy, and, on that account, wish for something lively from my pen.

My letters are poorly calculated to dissipate melancholy - I flatter myself they will excite your pity.

With sentiments of esteem,

Your f'd

Mr H. Harwood C. Norton

You will excuse this written in haste & in the evening.

334 To what is said, p. 328, of the 4th of July, it should be added that Mr S.B.Young served in the capacity of V.Pres't of the meeting - preserved order among the elder gent'n, who, bye the bye, behaved in a much less regular manner than the young brethren of the Association, with President Haswell at their head. The toasts were interspersed with a few excellent songs adapted to the crisis. Mr Young read the toasts at the table at which he he presided, with peculiar emphasis &articulation. News of Lieut Col Forsyth's death reached town at noon. Major Merrill gave a handsome volunteer toast in honor of the brave man, which may be seen in the Farmer of July 12th.

TUESDAY, JULY 12th Mr Taylor, with his lady & son, a fine little black-eyed innocent 6 months old, set off for home, 9 A.M. Mr T. had paid us a very acceptable visit. I took much greater satisfaction in his company than at any former meeting - still, he preserved a hankering for being associated with a circle in town, who, however honorable, never have my attendance. Father rode with Mr S. West to market. An errand called me to
335 the blacksmith's - On my return paid a short visit to Mr Watson's people - supped with them - talked about Mr Brown and Mrs Hinman's law-suit, & society in general.
Extraordinary cold. Fears (wrre) were entertained of a frost.

Wednesday, JULY 13thCol morning

THURSDAY,JULY 14th Third hoeing finished. Mr Judd assisted 13th & 14th - Gay weath'r. Paid friendly but short visits at night, to Mr I. J. Hendryx and to D. Clark & W. Haswell. After getting home - a visit was received by your ladies from Miss N. Watson & her fd from Wilmington, Miss Swift, gallanted by Mr Brown - who bro't with him his flute on which he played, as did myself on another. Walked home with Miss W. who was by no means a dull companion. She informed me of Mr Swift's being married to a lady in Hoosick on the fifth of July - saw him myself the preceding evening - had no suspicion of his busines, nor had she - indeed his parents nor brothers & sisters knew nothing of the matter till he bro't his bride home. Miss W. appeared pleased about it, because, Mr S. by frequently calling at her father's when passing thro' town, had caused many to hold a suspicion that a
336 a negotiation was pending between them which must now cease. What foolish creatures mankind are - when I presented my arm to this young lady, a kind of ecstatic tremor seized me, from which I did not recover in several moments - Such is the power which the weaker, maintain over the stronger sex. Received a long letter from Lieut H.A.

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Fay, extracts of which I here copy :

Annapolis, July 7th., 1814

Well, friend Hiram, here I come, as large as life, determined to be not untdone in size of my letter, if I fail in the matter of its contents - I rec'd yesterday, yours of the 26 ult. for which you have my thanks, for two very good reasons. - the first, that it was the deuce & all of a long one, & the second, that it was an excellent good one - in (A) truth just such a one as I have a thousand times tried to induce my friends to write.

Your neighborhood accounts, are so minutely and so cleverly told that I fairly travell'd

337 all over it with you, having leisure to say "how d' do" to old acquaint ances - besides, besides you are much more particular than any oth er of my Bennington correspondents; they will all tell me "they hate to write letters" but have an astonishing itching to read them - these are your put-off kind of people, always contriving to find it a better time "to-morrow", besides they have no idea that a letter can be written, conveying instruction or amusement, without getting into the closet alone, shutting themselves up for 14 days,& delivering as hard & in the same strain they would to write an Oration - Now I would not give a t---- p ------ for 50 such letters, it being,generally, harder work to read, than to write them - & this is the reason we hear so many people say they hate long letters - I tell you therefore without flattery, that your long letter is in a stile, plain, easy, smoothe & familiar, which pleases me.

338 I will proceed to reply to some of your questions & to make such other remarks as are due to your letter. - taking it in course - First then, Myself & family are in health - I am not quite as fat as butter, but I reckon I come up to poor veal - Mrs Fay is "rather" of opinion (as Capt Probable would say) that the Northern climate suits her better than this - our station is a healthy one, and truly a very pleasant one - I know not whether I ever described it to you, if I were sure that I had not, I would now do so.

It does me great good to hear that the "peg" is in better trim in these terrible bloody days, and that your kind Mother is able to ride out often "in the stage", which, from your account, must be a woful noisy thing, & I should suppose not at all calculated to keep the "peg & thing" in order - she is, however better & safer upon the top of the said stage than she would be in the rear - I think you had better send the old mare to Plattsburgh - she will do

339 quite as well against a "Stone Mill" as a certain gen'l did, not long ago - You have made honorable mention of my Hannah - she is certainly one of the most unaccount animals that ever lived, & yet she is good. I very much fear, however, that the Devil will have her yet, he'l have a dry bit & one that will stand him a good "fag", if he will only permit her to smoke & scold, and take a julep, she'll be easy - I used to tell Hannah that I expected to see her in Heaven yet - I concluded she would go first, & that I should find her smoking in the entry. (Here for particular reasons I omit a part of the Lieut's letter)

If you were acquanited with the people in this vicinity I would give you some neighborhood occurrences - as it is, I will touch upon War matters. We have many among us, who are (or affect to be) fully persuaded

340 persuaded that we shall soon have peace, these people offer two reasons for their hopes & belief - the first is, that the Allied powers are so much interested in the Commerce of the U. States, that they will interfere in putting an end to the war - the other is, that the honor and magnanimity of the British Nation is such, that they are

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ready & willing to sign a treaty which we ought to accept - the first of these reasons, may very faintly have some effect weight with many very honest men - there can be no be no doubt of the wish of the Allied powers to trade freely with us - but suppose they demand of England that the trade of Neutrals be unmolested with us ? How are they to enforce this demand? By the change in France you will perceive Eng land has reduced the French Navy to B. ships of the line & 20 frigates, with some small craft - besides which, they have placed upon the
341 the French Throne a weak old man, without genius or energy, and one who feels under such obligations to Eng'd, that he would not for a thousand years to come,(could he live so long) dare to move a step without Engl's permission. The Emperor of Russia was foolish enough to place his fleet in the hands of Eng'd for safe keeping, and do you not imaging she will keep it safe? The Spanish fleet was de - stroyed years ago by the English, and everybody knows that the latter power stole the Danish fleet. Suppose then the Neutrals demand of Eng'd a free trade with the U. States - & suppose Eng'd refuses - how can the Allies help themselves ? Eng'd will laugh at them; & yet we have men amongst us who have been long praying for this state of things, & who are rejoicing at these events, - we have, I say, who profess to love a Republican form of gov't, talking about "Legitimate Kings" being restored to their own, & holding "religious festivals" on the occasion
342 occasion - these infatuated people may have their eyes opened before the 1st of next Oct - Eng'd now has nothing to prevent her throwing 50,000 troops into our country, troops who are disciplined & who have seen service, are flushed with victory, & anxious to revenge themselves upon Americans, by plunder & conflagration. - & does any man depend upon the forbearance of Eng'd? - let us not decieve ourselves. I have looked sharp but in vain for British honor & Magnanumity - The truth is, Eng'd now has the power (and always had the disposition) to inflict heavy injuries upon us - she will use it - & it will require most vigorous & united efforts to prevent the destruction of all our sea-port towns, & by a sudden push she might drive us back to the mountains. The Tories & Federalists (for I make a distinction) may in a few months, repent of their wicked opposition to the War - & we may think of it
343 as we will, but I think it cannot be long before the terms, Democrat & Federal, must give way to Whig & Tory - & I hope in God, that Tory seed will never again be suffered to be planted in our soil - It becomes us to be prepared - this fighting in the chimney-corner, will not answer; we have 4th of July pstriots plenty, who can wield the knife & fork & wine glass with great dexterity; they must learn anoth er & very differrnt exercise.

Eng'd talks big of re-colonizing the States; she talks foolishly but after all, it depends upon the people whether she effects that object; it depended upon the people of France in like manner whether the Allies should dictate a peace to them; the French people were guilty of an act so mean as in permitting the Allied Armies to enter their country & capital, and there do as they pleased. The ought nev er to have been suffered to pass the Rhine - They ought to have risen in a body & followed their Emperor to the
344 Rhine, & said, thus far, Sire will we go, & no farther, we hold the Enemy in check here until he shall agree to honorable terms of peace If any enquire for me, give them 4d½ each.

Yr friend

H. Harwood H. A. Fay.

Copy of a letter received this day from N. Stone to Benj'n Harwood, dated,

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Dunham, (L.C.) June 25th., 1814

Dear & much respected Uncle & Friends .

I embrace this first & proper opp'y since I was releas ed from captivity to write to you. We are all well at present, & hope that thro' the kind mercies of Almighty God, these few lines may find you all enjoying the same good state of health.

My father, mother, & Asneth are as well as usual
345 live about four miles from here.

No doubt you have long since accused me of want of punctualit ty in writing to you according to my promise when at your house, but (when) after you have heard my reasons, I trust you will be satisfied. We arrived at Burlington Nov'r 22d where we remained in close confinement until Jan'y 31st during whichnI ofteh thought I would write to you - but when I considered that it was uncertain whether we should be exchanged or not; I concluded I would until I should know the sequel; by which means I delayed writing until we had orders to march for the lines, & departed in such a confusd hurry that I could have no opp'y. Since which time none has presented until now.

Had I known when at your house that the business of our exchange had not been fully agreee on, I should have secured my liberty, before we got to Burlington, & so should have escaped 2 months horrid confine't. It was not my good fortune to be exchangd
346 until Feb'y 3d, which took place at Odletown, & the next day, I arrived at my own house in Dunham, where I found my family well except my youngest shild which was very near the point of Death, but has since slowly recovered & is now perfectly well. My wife visited me while at Burling'n & brought me <u>some</u> money & cloth which I stood greatly in need of.

Most of the prisoners were visited by their friends, who in some measure relieved their necessities. The money which you gx gave me contributed, in a great measure, to the saving of my life. All my friends are equally thankful with me to you for the favor you did me in relieving my great necessities; and if ever I see an object of compassion, as I was myself (&if in my power) I will help him in rememberance of you, & be thankful that I have profited in the lesson of humanity, by being once a prisoner of War among, & by being made more sensible of their sufferings than I was before. The mare that I was speaking to you about I have entirely lost. (Carried to p.376)

347 FRIDAY, JULY 15th Began haying - mowed a little the preceding night. Dr Jonas arrived,in health, from Pomfret, N.Y. (<u>in health</u>) Left Fds & relations generally in health in that direction.

SATURDAY,JULY 16th Very warm. We were bothered by poor scythes Capt Ira & Mr Judd had new ones which they condemned, after enduring great fatige in using them - this day - Dollar ¼ a piece lost, besides hard tugging. Dr Jonas bo't him a new one, which in a day or two shared the same fate. P. 348

SUNDAY, JULY 17th (Mrs Osborn) Mrs Osborne brought her son Albert to our house - staid two or three hours- sent by her Nathan'l Stones letter to father, saying a copy which may be seen above, to his broth'r Isaac Stone - Hoosick - Spent a few moments with Sully where he treats concerning a negoti tiation between Eng'd & Spain, exhibiting the sordid selfishness of the former in regard to the Dutch, whose cause they affected to to espouse, but, nevertheless gave very faint assistance, at all

times, & by this Sp'sh treaty quite abandoned them.

348 MONDAY, JULY 18th 7 P.M. Walked out to enjoy music - expected to go no further than Mr Watson's, but being met by Drs O.Wright, E. (Wright) Pierce was invited to accompany them to their office, to which I agreed - plyed them well with music, while I staid - returned to Mr W's - excused not paying an evening visit, which I & our ladies had promised (her Mrs W's daughter) Miss W. on Friday evening. Miss W. had gone to Wilming ton on a visit - not soon expected to return - Having been very sociable with Mrs W. a short time returned from walking, between 1 10 & 11 - Look at Page .

TUESDAY, JULY 19th Was made to march early this morning to Pliny Dewey's in quest of a spinning wheel which I finally got hold on & brought home. Had some light jovial talk with Miss M. Street - an old acquaintance.

Dr Jonas journeyed to Williamstown - bought a few neat & good scythes - asked 9/6 a piece - Short time in the Eve'g at Parson's saw nothing there very agreeable - Good weather.

349 WEDNESDAY, JULY20th Late this ev'g gallanted to her father's Miss Lydia House, both riding seperate on horse bak She lacked not for sociability, which, as it was pretty dark, could not happen amiss to me - We first handled a discourse about ladies, riding ungovernable, flirting horses - from that, to a late match that had been made (p. 272) to some, that were likely tombe made; then took a retrospect of our youthful days, which caused a conversa'n of some length, respecting her feelings when she lost her Mother, Sept 1810 - from this we advanced to something more gay, if, talking about old bachellors & old maids, may be con sidered so. While dilating upon this vast subject, we reached the house. Went in - chatted awhile, took leave, with thanks from Miss H. for being so good as to accompany her home, made a safe return - rather past 10 o'clock.

350 Miss Lydia Harwood badly bruised one of her feet - this 20th July 1814

THURSDAY, JULY 21st Gloomy weather. - mowed, grumbling - had a big cold - Felt unwell - News reached us of a late arrival of troops at Quebec.

FRIDAY, JULY 22nd Haying was pursued with cheerfulness. Commodore Rogers stood at helm - Passed an agreeable evening at Mr Parsons' - Slept with Com. Rogers.

SATURDAY, JULY 23rd All movd well - The Sons of Liberty had a meeting - I was present - a Donation was called for & granted, to pay arrearages, being the sum of $7.33" - which was raised by those present - 10 or 12 only - threw in $1 for my share A subscription for Galusha's Oration was got up - subscribed for 3 copies.

Had a short but most obliging conversation with a young gent when the meeting was over, for which he had my warmest thanks. P. 209

351 Made a halt at Mr E. Waters', to get my fife, which I had left there, going up - Played for them sometime, altho' they were all in bed, and the Moon almost set - Mr Rich as I was marching by his door, beset me with his drollery - with nothing over him but his shirt, trousers & a large great coat - Told me I was breaking the

Sabbath, for it was 5 m past 12. At home - found father up - Looked in the Intelligencer rec'd - in Com Chauncey's letter to the Sec'y of the Navy, another of Gregory's exploits in burning a 14 gun vessel Presque Isle, Lake Ontario.

Count d'e Auvergne is spoken of p. 325. He was punished during King Henry Vth's time with perpetual confinement in the Bastile.

SUNDAY, JULY 24th Consulted the Great Sully - not over interesting Mr John Murphy paid us a short visit - came from N.Y.City on Wed'y - said 18 sail, armed enemies ships, lay off the Hook - apprehensions felt by the citizens - all the shipping was mov ing up the Hudson. Dr Jonas & myself

352 traversed some parts of the neighborhood - sat a moment at Capt Norton's - John & Clarissa at B.Squires' - Laura was not visible - understood afterwards where her ladyship was, saw a horse stznding at the horse-block, which we considered ominous - Passed on to Mr Loomis' - saw Sally & Emma but no Clarissa nor P. Smith - felt dissatisfied with (the) appearances. Our principal visit was at Mr Loomis' - Returned to the castle past 9 - Dr J. Harwood entered his 43d year this day.

MONDAY, JULY 25th My grandfather, Peter Harwood, arrived at 79 years of age, having been settled in Bennington on his farm on the farm on which he struck the first blow, 53 years.

A pleas't walk & conference, was had this evening by our ladies Capt Norton's ladies, friend John & myself.

TUESDAY, JULY 26th By the hand of Mr Sam'l Brown father paid his U.S.Tax which amounted to $9.72" He reckons his rates of all descriptions this year amounted to between 40 & 50 Ds Mr Henry Mellen brought me a

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It was not the 26th but 27th that the tax was paid to U.S.

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353 a letter, borne by his father, from my friend, N.R.Locke - the substance of which I shall give ;

It is dated Choconut, 14th July 1814 - Received mine the day pre ceding - described the face of the country as resembling Pownal. Timber, now and then, a hemlock, from an inch and a half to six feet over, interspersed among other kinds of timber. In addition to what they had before purchased, a lot of 140 acres was taken up, which he represented as exceedingly handsome & well wooded. Had received a small wound from his axe - not very sore. Otherwise in tolerable health. Where he speaks of choosing officers in Capt Blackmer's company I transcribe his own words - without knowing to what, in the latter part of the sentence, he alludes - " I commend you for your choice of officers; but I shall appoint you, Inspector General, to inspect the corporals and see that none of their firelocks are charged". You know what I mean, Deacon". Had become quite steady - went to meeting. Had not found a wooded wife yet, but if he could, he would join with old

354 Dr Watt's and say - Happy the youth that finds the bride,
Whose birth is, to his own allied,
The sweetest joys of life, &c

"You know, Hiram, I act out old nature so much that I never can make out"; following this, is an allusion to what I wrote respecting some young ladies with whom I hinted I should like severally to make bargains, if I failed with either. He knew two of them, the other came into our neighborhood so short a time previous to his exit that he never had any acquaintance with her. Told me which to take. See

p. 178-209 - Also 287. Mr L. shockingly misconceived of what I wrote him near the close of my letter of July 3d, where it runs something like this, - "Now, you are out of this corrupt region, it would be well for you not to descend into low company", adding, "that he would soon feel the benefit of adhering to such advice". Nothing was meant by me but a general reference to some part of his past conduct, but he took it otherwise and says, "You slanged me about two girls, but I am as innocent as a new-born babe".

355 Spoke of friend Ira's boy & said "Huzza for Ja's Ma ison Harwood's boy. But Capt H. had named him since I wrote to my friend, "Albert Gallatin". Made excuse about his hand-writing - sent his compliments to Jona Rogers, sister Lydia & others. In P.S. JULY 16 said his wound grew worse - had been to capt Doty's - Sabra D. sent her love to me & Lydia - had not gone yet. Locke stated that he was much more contented with his situation than when in Bennington, "Dogging about".

The day was so fine, that several ladies of this neighborhood gallanted by Mr Haff & Jona Rogers went onto the Spruce Ridge, whortle-berrying - Success attended them.

Began harvesting wheat, Not all ripe alike, cut that which was most forward - Evening, read the ~~B/RAVE~~ BRAVE capt PORTER'S letter to the Sec. of Navy in which British infamy is most conspicuously seen

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27th Wearied with hard work. Took up Sully at night read how his enemies tried to effect his ruin - Vol 4 from P. 170 to 200

356 THURSDAY, JULY 28th 3 acr's of pretty good Rye were harvested. Our ladies paid a visit to Miss M. Street at Mr Pliny Dewey's - Omitted asking Miss Stone to go with them for two reasons - 1st because Miss St had not requested her company - 2d because when asked she invariably acted negatively, from what motive no soull could tell - I went to Mr Parsons' this evening - not however in the character of a spy - but only to hold some light conversation - soon perceived, from hints and flirts, uneasiness in Miss P. and her sister at what had taken place this P.M. Miss S. said she never would go out anywhere again - among other words uttered at that time, said, if I waited for her to walk abroad, I should not go very soon. I asked her, without much sincerity, (& in violation of a resolution which I took - p. 225) to walk over to Mary's - meaning Mrs West's at Mrs Hinman's - she spitefully answered - "I wont". "That's plain English". I took it as a "plain" mark of low, ill temper and, after keeping my seat a moment to preserve appearances, left the house

357 Marched to Mr Watson's, met 1 gent'n & a string of ladies returning from Mr D's - had a pleas't chat with Mrs W - wanted Brown's flute, but it was not there - Mr W. altho' he had retired in bed was pretty full of talk. Staid but a little while - was fifing by Mr Rich's - hailed by him and told that Mr Brown was likely to gain a law victory over Mrs Hinman, which appeared to please him much. Mrs West came to her door and Called me in, to play her some tunes - did so, and reached home accompanied by Dr Jonas.

FRIDAY, JULY 29th A rainy A.M. Spent a few hours with old Sully - He more thoroughly than ever established himself in the King's favor - assisted to cut up 6lbs Red-wood. P.M. Fair. Pulled flax - Received a packet of Wash'n papers in one of which it was stated that 12 or 15,000 men had lately landed at Quebec.

SATURDAY, JULY 30th Fine westher indeed - Miss R. Harwood & Miss S. Waters' worked for us at pulling flax, P.M. at 25" each. At 5 or 6 P.M.

358 occasion called me into the house - the Misses Clarissa & Laura Norton were there visiting - some jokes passed between me & the latter, as usual, whenever we met. When I went to the field she walked with me, arm in arm, just as I was, shirtsleeves rolled up above my elbows other parts of my dress equally bearish - beauish - But why speak of that, ladies are, many times, glad to receive addresses from gentlemen in far worse plight, although they would never confess it for fear of encouraging negligence in our sex & betraying too much attachment in their own - An evening excursion ensued much like that on the 25th. They pursuaded Miss L. Harwood to tarry at capt Norton's all night. A bright moon enlivened the scene.

SUNDAY, JULY 31st Employed as on other Sabbaths - left off reading Sully, where the King in 1605 (Aug) had commissioned him to meet a general assembly of the Protestants of France - not much of Republicanism appeared in this act of the king, but so do king's govern.

Feeling a disposition to exercise after attending so closely to the usual employment so often noticed on preceding Sunday's - taking Sully for company - strolled, with careless pace, along the lane, till I came to a rock, N. Parsons', near which laid myself down reading the Mem'rs - Mr Haff visited me, while here - talked of common affairs - read some passages to him - quitting this position, & friend - fell in company with friend Bowdish, who was coming from harvesting rye - Sth pt of the town, to return home at L. Jewett 's- in W.pt (the Meeting House). Our sociability was unrestrained - was informed by him of many pleasing circumstances respecting absent friends, which I have neither time nor disposition to indert here. He rode - I walked - Went to Mr Waters' - As I came away, which was about sun-down, imagined I heard cannon in a Northern direction. Between 10 & 11 in the evening held a sham-courtship of half an hour with Miss S. Waters - Miss L. Harwood witnessed it. Closed the business of this day reading G. Morris' Monarchial, Anti-Republican Oration, deliv'd 29th June 1814 - Warm w'r indeed.

360 MONDAY, AUG 1st Business (harvesting) being interrupted in the course of the P.M. - Read in the Intell of July 23d, Remarks from the National Advocate, on the Fed celebration of June 29th & Morris' Oration, which accorded well with my own sentiments respecting them.

Had the pleasure of gallanting from this mansion to her residence Miss S. Stone, who had paid the Misses Harwood & Waters a well accepted visit. An interview, which lasted perhaps an hour and a half of a friendly nature, took place between this lady & me, which gave me high satisfaction. That even, vivacious & pleasing, Commodore Rogers, accompanied me home, to hear news, which, friend Ira had procured in town, about Gen'l Brown's bloody engagement at Bridgewater U.C. 25th July - No particulars however arrived.

TUESDAY, AUG 2d By a sim'r occurrence in the weather again had leisure to peruse papers & write. A letter was hatched for Dr Jonas

361 to send to his eldest daughter, Miss Emily Harwood, Hopkinton, N.Y. which in the abstract was to acquaint her with her father's visit to Pomfret - p. 347 - to which place he talked of going to live - was told of her relations, & friends in this place being in health - of the birth of Capt Harwood's son - p. 326 - Great anxiety was express

ed to have a letter from her giving information of the situation of her sisters & brothers. The evening delightfully passed away in musical concert with Mr Brown at Capt Harwood's. Much rain fell this day.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 3d More wet weather . Were harvesting wheat while fair. This morning, & one or two preceding it, read the death of Saul & of Abner on which occasions King David give full proof of his poetical talents - I think these passages are among the greatest literary curiosities contained contained in the Sacred Volume. Enjoyed a few pleasing moments in company with sister Lydia who was engaged at her wheel, reading some select Poetry in the "World" of 1807 and a little piece on Melancholy copied for by Miss Clarissa Norton - liked it much -

362 THURSDAY, AUG 4th Our winter grain harvest was ended - 3 acres of tolerable rye - 2 acres in the same field - S. of Capt Hinman's house, of thin winter-killed wheat. Nearly 4 acres, flrming a field near the centerof the farm, produced from that which grew so stout as to cause it to fall to the ground to that which, was but ordinary.

And evening scout took place. The ladies, the Misses Harwood, Waters & Stone (at whose elbow I walked) gave Mrs Waters a short call - On haste marched to the Pr'g O obtained a handbill containing an account of gen Brown's action of July 25th which, was most sanguinary. Passing widow Nathan Robinson's the sound of a well-played clarionette, saluted my ear, which caused me to listen several moments, when returning from the office. At Mrs W's, as usual played the fife - Left our neighbor past 10 - One of my ladies as we were advancing from the house into the road, perceiving me near her, rightly judging what my intention was, ran a short distance in a flirting manner - for what - nobody knew? What's that the sign of ? Must I own myself fool enough to be pleased with walking from Dr S's home with her afterwards:

363 FRIDAY, AUG 5th Labored alone with father pulling flax of which no more remained to be pulled this sea'n. It cover'd 3/4th of an acre, of good quality. Dr Jonas & Capt Ira mowed for Mr Parsons, on some pt of Luman Norton's farm.

Received a very good letter from Miss C. Norton, a copy of which is below.

Bennington, 5th Augt 1814

Sir :- If we have written enough on the subject of our abilities, and are sufficiently convinced that we have nothing to expect from each other's pen, I think it best to lay aside our needless excuses and hit upon some other subject.

I thank you for taking the first step towards removing from that ground, in which, I believe, we were both mutually so disagreeably placed.

The only exception you

364 make to my letter is, you say, the restraint I appear to be under; I presime, afte5 a little further acquaintance, by way of correspondence, that will be laid aside. You must not expect me to stoop, at once, from the sublime manner in which I express my ideas, to imitate your "vulgar style" as you term it. The disparity is too great to be taken at one step. (Keen Irony) (Who, but woman, could invent such. H.H.)

I hope, however, by your assistance I shall be able to attain it by degrees. But, stop. I shall forget myself, if I dont look out, and hit upon the old subject. You wish me to propose something

to write upon. What if we have friendship ? Now I have introduced the subject, I shall expect you to make the first comment upon it, as I have not sufficient time at present, to collect my scattered ideas

365 and arrange them in order , on papr. Your observations on the tooth ache, I think, are very just. I think I can sympathize with you for I have often experienced the delicious sensation. I at most envy you that happy ev'g (July 8th) employed in writing to me, and blessed with that most agreeable companion - "Mr Toothache". -

Your friend,

Mr H. Harwood. C. Norton

P.S. I shall not ask you to excuse,the grammar, composition, or writing; but just throw the "mantle of charity" over the whole, if you please.

Mr H. H. C. N.

"Mantle of Charity", this is the rich begging of the needy. By this line I found myself entrapped. I knew & she knew, I could not handle "Friendship" with anything like dexterity.

366 SATURDAY,AUG. 6th Wearied at night with the labors of the day - say haying. Capt Ira & Dr Jonas in P.M. mowed in Mrs Hinman's N. Meadow E. of the road leading to town.

A Republican Caucus nominated Judge Fay Rep'e to the Assembly frommthis town. Report said that, all gen'l Brown's A8y was captur ed.

In Fox's Book of Martyrs,V 1st read the account of Bloody Marys elevation to the Throne - her Oration - Lady Jane Grey's case - curious letters written by her - especially one to a young clergyman who had been chaplain to her father but through fear abandoned protestantism and become, faintly, a Catholic preacher -- this e'g.

SUNDAY,AUGUST 7th As in general - handled books & pen - Sully ends the Assembly of Protestants in Monarchial style, beginning of August 1605.

To obtain a short respite from the labors of the day accompanied Messrs Parsons & Haff to Mr Watson's - lent a hand in loading some clothiers hearths which Mr P. meant to carry, next day, to Lansingburg.

367 Returned with Mr H. to that rock mentioned p. 359, and talked with him nearly two hours about his misfortunes, which may God grant never to befal the writer of this, or any other person. During this debate we were exposed to a dangerous evening air which gave me a cold

MONDAY, AUGUST 8th Great rains fell. Examined the pages of Sully - these exhibited continual perturbation in which the mind of Kings are kept by the leaven of faction - The Duke relates that soon after his return to the capital from the sitting of the protestant gen. assembly, the King collected a small army at the head of which he placed himself & marched thro' several of his disaffected provinces, wherein he met with nothing but submission, except in two or three trifling instances. This tour happened in Sept & Oct 1605.

Wrote a lengthy reply to Miss C. Norton's letter of Aug. 5th. It begins with commending her laudable jealousy of flattery - assures her of my sincerity in praising her good qualities in re gard to literary accomplishments - acknowledged the pleasure

368 which the third paragraph of her letter gave me; likewise the pain it inflixted by her endeavoring in the same sentence to blind me to "my literary deformities" - hoped in future she would rest con-

tented without attempting to overturn my opinion on this head.

Complimented her for noticing my affliction on the eve of July 9th. Gave a rejoinder to her request to "throw the mantle of C Charity over" her late performance, which signified as much as to say - I would not do an act of charity where it appeared that there was no need of it. When I came to introduce "Friendship" it was with a long preamble, the principal aim of which went to show how justly aware I was of my inability to dilate in a proper style & manner, on that imp't sub't. Such introductions & apologizes are not admirable in my eyes, & I would not indulge myself in them on any account occasion were it not for subjects being knotty to me which are familiar & easy to others. The truth is, Morality has been written upon by the best writers in all ages; nothing new remains to be said, on the subject; therefore, instead of employing my thoughts on things of this nature, I have let others think for me. This request of Miss N

369 to compose a piece on friendship, was indeed hard to comply with - nevertheless I summed up, as concisely & accurately as I knew how, the important attributes of that moral tie. It will not be admitted here . My subject closed as well as began, with excuses, which reminds me of the inconsistency there is in my writings to this young lady. In my letter of July 8th I was for throwing away of al all excuses, would admit of none. - Now (Aug 9th) half my letter was filled with them - Pride (but we do not like to own it) is the fountain from whence proceeds all this. Was at some pains in the closing paragraph of this letter to let her know how highly I prized her letters without appearing to flatter.

To say in one or two words what the character of this production is we must adopt the common phrase, applied to things of great bulk & diminished substance - "Great cry & little wool".

The manner in which the above was executed, ie, 1st drafted, & then copies, with some alterations, consumed most of the P.M., a part of which was fair. Father viewed me in a criminal light to use time thus in haying - I suppose it was doing wrong.

370 TUESDAY,AUGUST 7th Two acres of fine spring wheat were cradled & bound. Mis Lydia Harwood aet 23 yrs this d'y

This eve'g was my mind filled with a thousand thorny, restless, displeasing thoughts in both a retrospective & prospective view - a visit to neighbor Parsons', instead of removing rather aggravated the malady - no relief was obtained at another house not far distant - where a card-table was spread - Sleep at last did the work.

WEDNESDAY,AUGUST 10th Although our ladies indulged themselves to a great extent in going abroad, even to Mr F. Jewett's about this time, yet no rain happened to interrupt the farmers, & it was extremely warm too. I placed some emphasis on their going to Mr J's because it happened so seldom. My ideas were compos'd.

THURSDAY,AUGUST 11th North meadow cleaned of hay. Con'd warm. Read a cruel case in the Int'r of July 28th concerning two orphan boys - brothers - the one 11 the other 10 yrs of age - taken July 4th or 5th 1813 crossing C. Bay by the British- their father was in a shallop going with them to school somewhere about Baltimore - they belonged on the E. shore of the C.Va - were put on board of a vessel & conveyed most uncomfortably to Bermuda - the father sick on his passage - not long

371 after his arrival - being wholly neglected - except what little his boys could do for him, died. He lost his wife 3 years before.

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These innocent lads having suffered severe hardships, at length were sent to Halifax, thence to Boston - thence to Washington City whence they were soon to proceed to their friends, from whom they had been separated more than a year.

Mr Oatman of Arlington, dry good pedlar & Mr Erastus Clark of Greenfield (Mass) tarried the night with us.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12th Mr Clark, previous to his departure, gave me many ingenious rubs about remaining yet a bchellor - said time was short - should soon get to be an old man &c - Gave me a strong invitation to give him & his relatives in Colerain a visit the ensuing fall. If I would come (among his people) he would select me a partner - Promised to do all I could toward this visit in which sister L. was to participate - News of the battles near Black Rock & Fort Erie, fought on the 3d & 4th inst came in handbills. Miss R'h Harwood received a line from her brother Clark - dated - Butternuts, N.Y. Wm Wr

SATURDAY, AUG 13th Worked hard & late, carting et - raking hay & taking up very stout oats - Very busy & deep in thought all day - Dr Jonas At'd a vigilant meeting this evening at Cushmans'

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th The effects of a laborious week were felt so much by me that I could not pursue this days task so eagerly as I wished to. (See p.)

MONDAY, AUGUST 15th Rainy from the S. but kept mowing when it woud would do to venture out - Mr J. Murphy paid us fdlg visit.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16th The lowering aspect ad the weather, which was very warm, prevented out getting hay that had stood out in Monday's rain - Sat half an hour in Haswell's printing office at the close of the day. (See p. 292)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17th Pulled hard on haying - In the evening staid awhile at Mr Parsons', playing on the fife, talking with Mr Haff, Mrs Campbell, Jonas Rogers &c. all appeared to be in good cheer - especially Mrs C. whose suitor had lately paid her a visit - Doubtful weathr early in the day, but in the P.M. became g'd.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18th Fine weather. Business pursued actively. Wednesday evening was at Mr Parsons' his aunt from Baltimore, N.Y. - Mrs Campbell appeared highly pleased at see ing her. It was really diverting to see these matrons when they met. The former ladys husband was Mr Parsons of Baltimore, a wealthy farmer

375 sent his lady home for the benefit of her health.

FRIDAY, AUG. 19th Haying was pushed vigorously - Jonathan Rogers & David Cummings from Wilmington worked here - Dr Jonas built an elegant stack - it was while we were busy about that - That the firing of cannon announced good tidings from some quarter - we supposed from the Lake - every discharge armed us with fresh vigor to get our work completed so as to go & hear the joy-inspiring news. Dr Jonas rode on horseback - I went in a one horse wag'n with Messrs Parsons & Haff - Our news proved to be an attack on F. Erie by gen Drummond in which he was defeated with

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the loss of between five & six hundred men killed & wounded, besides three hundred prisoners - American loss about 50 killed & wounded.

SATURDAY, AUG.20th There came up a thunder-shower about mid-day which put a stop to drawing in grain, an employ ment at which Commodore Rogers and I were engaged - The showers were extremely violent & heavy - lasting till past three P.M. which afforded me leisure to write so as to gain time on the morrow. No haying of much importance with us remained to do after this day.

376 Continuation of N. Stone's letter:

It was four months, lacking 7 days from the time I left home, until I returned; & I think myself happy that I have escaped with my my life - We have heard nothing from you since I was at your house, but want to hear from you very much, neither have we heard from David or Isaac. Their Mother is very uneasy about them, and wants to see them. She has been very much unwell, the most part of the Winter, which sickness has been attended with a kind of delirium, supposed to be caused by the trouble of being parted from her chil dren, but has lately recovered, so as to be nearly as well as common. She requests you to inform them, if you have an opp'y that she wants them to make us a visit this fall, if they conveniently can. My father has written them, but if his letters should be mis carried, he wishes you to inform them of the particulars contained in this - and that he wishes them to be steady & prudent
377 shunning bad company & to be careful of their morals. He wishes Isaac to fulfill all his engagements with Mr Bishop, hopes he will persevere in becoming master of the Blacksmith's trade - also if he cannot come to see us, without being injurious to his master, we wish him to write to us immediately.

There is a means of getting letters by directing them to Huntsburgh Post Office; and (as I have lately been informed) there is an intercourse in conveying letters, after examination, across the line to one Mr Cook at St Armande, where we could get them. # My wife joins me in sending our most sincere regards to you, & thanks to you for your kindness to me when at your house, not knowing how to pay the debt of gratitude we owe to you - Likewise your aged father - we wish him health & comfort in his old age, nor have we forgotten Capt Ira & Hiram, but wish them health & prosperity thro life ¾

By mistake omitted a few words resp'g his father's receiv'g my letter of Nov 5th 1813 See p. 104

378 We all send our love to Lydia, Ruth & 'Damia - My father & moth er send love & respects to you all.

Sincerely yrs

N. & P. Stone

Mr B. Harwood.

ODE on MELANCHOLY.

There is a charm no joys bestow
Nor rank, nor weath, impart,
'Tis when the tear is falling slow
And softly sighs the heart.
Oft have I watched the evening sky,
When rose the silver bow;
My bosom heav'd, I knew not why,
And tears began to flow.
O, then I thought that mirth was folly
Thine was the charm sweet Melancholy.

Ye hearts of stone, who think no bliss
Can glisten in a tear,
Or think the love that sign a kiss
Insipid and severe ;
Ah, ne'er was turned on you, so cold,
The dew'd and tender eye,
The warmest love that ever was told
Was wreathed upon a sigh,
380 Mirth is deceit, laughter is folly,
Bliss wafts the sigh of Melancholy.

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382 SUNDAY, AUGUST 21st No writing on hand - perused newspapers, Sully, and that part of Reids Essays which treats of the power to reason - all which was rather dry to a mind, as much distracted as mine was, that day, with restless, gloomy & unprofitable ruminations ; More composure ensued on receiving a letter by Miss Waters, from Miss C. Norton, copy of which is below. Accompanied the ladies to Mary West's - Miss Stone was of the number - Mr Haff walked with me in the character of a young lady. After seeing Mr Haff safe home attended a little excursion of the ladies into what is usually termed "Clark's Orchard" to find good fruit.
A few sentences of innocent chit-chat closed the scene. It was remarkably cold.
Now comes Miss N8s letter:-

Bennington, 20th Aug't 1814

Sir :

I have perused & reperused your agreeable letter with pleasure, and while attempting to write an answer, a conviction that it is not in my pwer to return one, such as it deserves, rushes so forcibly upon my mind, that I am almost tempted to throw aside my pen.

Though you speak so diminutively of your literary productions, and so far over
383 rate mine, I will not accuse you of flattery. But let me assure you I shall never become a convert to your assertions as long as my produc appear to me in the pitable hue in which they do at present.

Was it not ungenerous in you not to bestow "alms" when solicited with so much humility ? For an excuse for your parsimony (in this instance only I will accuse you of it) you would insinuate that you think me not a proper object of "Charity". I should never have made application to you, had I not thought you abundantly able to bestow. Well, if your prayers are all that I am to expect, suffer me to direct you in their form, Before you can expect me to "deal out my bounties" &c it will be necessary to pray that the clouds of ignorance which have so long obscured my understanding, may be dispersed,

and that one sweet ray of intelligence might beam on the benighted mind of your friend - And Oh like "the prayers of the righteous" may they "avail much".

Your remarks on the subject proposed I am particularly pleased with. I perceive your words not so badly "ensnared" but you extricated yourself with honor. I can say with you that I never write on such subjects

384 and had better not perhaps attempt it.

The man who has a friend whose soul is congenial with his own - who will participate in his feelings, not only in prosperity, but wheh sinking under the weight of adversity; is possessed of a treasure which can never be fully estimated. What pleasures can be compared to those (to those) derived from friendship, where the sentiments and affections are so sweetly united.

A person may be on terms of sociability with all his acquaintance but unless he is united with someone by the cord of friendship, must, in his gloomy moments, feel himself alone, though surrounded by thousands. How wretched must be the life of that man, whose unsocial, suspicious temper will not permit him to divulge his sentiments & ideas to another; he can never know the celestial joys which the votaries friendship <u>only</u> can experience.

C. Norton

Mr H. Harwood

P.S. It will be necessary to call Patience to assist you through this. C. N.

385 MONDAY, AUG. 22nd Plowing became the order of the day - Mr Joseph Rudd & J. Rudd, Mr Andrew Wood - w pt of the town, called and dined at our house - themselves and between 2 & 300 other persons were in pursuit of Mr Loan Jewett, who, in a state of insanity, had eloped from his house on Thursday - it was supposed he must be somewhere on Mount Anthony - He was next day picked up there - dreadfully famished, his life being almost spent - Resd the conclusion of the 4th Vol of Sully's Mem'rs - The Duke of Bullion had succumb to Henry at last without bloodshed - which happened - March & April 1606 Altho' affairs were admirably managed by the King & Sully ; yet very serious religious dissensions would, now and then, break out which laid the foundation of all those horrid calamaties which succeeded this reign. Cold, damp evenings.

TUESDAY, AUG. 23rd Haying & harvesting completed - About as much hay as usual - very well saved - the season was too wet to favor its growth in general. Had a superb crop of spr'g wheat
386 which grew on 2½ acres of ground - yielding 15 bushels the acre - Winter wheat, some of it extremely luxuriant, other parts parts thin, hardly a half crop - grew in two fields - the one containing 3½ acres near the center of the farm - more favorable to that kind of grain than the other which borders on Mrs Hinman's Fay farm - comprizing 5 acres - 3 of which produced middling rye - here the poorest wheat grew - <u>occasioned</u>, we think, by the snow being blown off in Winter. Oats were abundantly good - produced on less than three acres - One acre, fine growth of flax - well coated & seeded.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24th No great satisfaction taken in plowing - Mr Levi Smedley from Williamstown, Mss - with his lady, two daughters, Lydia & Polly, and his brother Elijah's son, Hervey, arrived here late this P.M. There was much apparent coldness in my behavior towards these worthy guests, which I shall try, in part, to excuse. When I returned from work at night it was my wish to throw aside the duds and put on clothes more decent, but having spent much

time to find
387 a part of my dress, which was not to be found, I grew angry, pouted, sat, idling about, in the kitchen chamber till dark - stepp'd down stairs, slily seized a pail, & assisted about milking - took care not to appear during the evening, before the ladies - Had some conversation with Mr S. & the young man - but they (our folks) thought I did not treat him handsomely in leaving him at 9 in the ev'g to go over to capt Ira's for the purpose of reading news in the Albany Argus. I acknowledge it was wrong - however, it was not committed through maliciousness. Who could help breaking over the bounds of politeness when they find such humorous and interesting tales as that related of the bombardment of Stonington. Such instances of bravery & good fortune must fill every heart with joy & admiration. Much of this day my thoughts seemed to be moulded after the fashion of the sable, lowering clouds which sailed before a stiff southern breeze. This melancholy train of ideas left me in the evening. Sister Lyd was sick, but kept about house.

388 THURSDAY, AUG 25th Saw & conversed with those ladies this morning, altho' I had on my change of raiment. Mrs S. said she did not know as she should see me at all, unless she went to to the barn or some other such place. I felt the reproach keenly - only answered that I had not been fit to be seen - Eight in the morning our visitors set off for Hinesburgh - Chit'n Co'y - A little evg visit was paid by me at Mr Parsons', Mrs Campbell rather the most for sociability - said at Hoosac on Sunday she had the pleasure of hearing a wedding sermon preached from Hosea, 2d Cap 19th & 20th verses.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26th Frost was seen this morning on roofs of build and elsewhere. Ploughing - the order of the day. Father & Capt Ira assisted Dr Jonas & Mr Parsons in finishing their haying in Mrs Hinman's Moseley Meadow. Consulted the pages of Reid on philosophy, this ev'g.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27th A great rain slowly commenced in the P.M. & Mr Ellis Doty arrived, & in the eve'g from Troy. Official accounts arrived in the papers of the brilliant doings of the Army at Ft Erie.

389 SUNDAY, AUG. 28th It continued raining powerfully all night, and increased till past mid-day, with astonishing rapidity. A freshet was occasioned by it higher & more violent than any ever witnessed in this part of the country - bridges, fences, mill dams, mills & a vast quantity of other property was indiscriminately swept down the impetuous current. On this farm the S. branch of tanbrook wrought a material change in the surface of the upper part of the meadow thro' which it passes - bringing down great masses of coarse gravel, sand & mud which it distributed along its banks.

This branch, of which I am speaking, threw down between 30 & 40 feet of whole wall which crossed it in 2 different places - I must not be so vain as to think of attempting a description of this extraordinany occurrence - Those who saw, can never forget it, & their successors will long witness its direful & wonderful effects, many of which will remain till some more powerful cause shall obliterate them - Did not finally cease raining till 5 P.M.

389 MONDAY, AUGUST 29 Walked about the farm with Mr Doty & father (the former having kept the Sabbath with us) to see the opperation of the late flood which indeed was strilingly melancholy - Late P.M. visited town - heard the mortifying intelligence that

Washington City was captured on the 24th inst. A great hue & cry ensued throughout the land. 28th in the evening wrote another letter to Miss Clarissa Norton - acknowledged the satisfaction her letter of the 20th gave me - in sincerity praised her as a writer in terms which I do not recollect - having taken no minutes of its contents - ran myself down pretty well, not lower than I deserved. Proposed two subjects to her to write on, leaving it at her option to select - Education or Reading - asked her if she knew anything of logic - told her I was as ignorant of it as I was of mathematics, but often felt the want of it, What is heres set down is the substance of a flat letter which I desired her to conceal.

391 TUESDAY, AUG. 30th Mr Lucius Williston & father settled accts - Mr W. gave his note to balance the books $5.94" Fathers charges were $15.09 Mr Doty & his friend Swift pursued their route for home. Assisted today in mending fences, torn down by the brooks, this, however, took up little more than half the day. In the eve'g read Philosophy in Reid and some lamentable remarks in the G.M.Farmer on the late disaster at Washington. Mr Parsons appeared to enjoy a very tranquil evening at our house telling stories Bright moonlight flattered me abroad and caused a few strains to flow from my musical instrument. Sister Lyd and friend Sophia found their voices in tune & indulged themselves a long time in sing ing.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 31st I proposed making remarks on the season which are deferred to page .
Our ladies & Dr Jonas paid
392 a P.M. visit & evening visit to Mr J. House's. Wrote ballots for Councillors all this evening.

THURSDAY, SEPT 1st Our wheat ground 2nd time plowed over - P.M.went to a company training. I shall not relate an adventure of Dr Jonas with his horse & waggon, which finally ended in fright - gearing damaged - fore-board kicked in - everything was adjusted - I rode no farther than where the fray happened - Walked on & left him & Mr Parsons in peaceable possession of the waggon - I meant to say the scale happened on the little hill S. of Mrs Hinman's. The training was tolerable - proposed making remarks on the officers - but shall omit it - as I am no officer myself & have no desire to be one. The heat was tedious . Miss P. Thompson sent for me into Mr Hyde's & informed me she had lately arrived from the neighborhood in which my Aunt Waterman resided - said contentment & plenty surrounded her - would pay us a visit the early part of October.
393 Rode from E.Severance's shop returning from training in a waggon, with a gentleman, lady & 2 children belonging to Dorset - said the freshet in those parts was not injurious - our rains on Sunday I think came up from S.E. British rains I conclude. God save us from any more such . Saw friend Wm Haswell a mom't at his office. Agreed with him to buy me $10 worth good letter paper when he went to the mill again. Some considerations made me wear a sad countenance after returning home - which I endeavored to throw off by walking in the road, the moon shining most brilliantly. Came across Mr Isaac Ripley and had a few moments conversation with him. Father & Mother paid a visit to Mr Parson's.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2d Plowing contributed the main employ't - Warmest day this season - Ther'r rose to 78 deg. Mr Anderson, Miss Jane Clark & Mrs A., her sister, arrived from Cole-

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rain - Mr Brown spent the eve'g here.

394 SATURDAY, SEPT. 3d Began sowing rye. Fine but warm weath'r - Mr A. continued his visit - Dr Jonas & the ladies rode about town with him. Friend Sophia & I travelled to Mr Watson's & got Mr Brown's flute with which I entertained the company awhile - Late in the ev'g the girls & I marched down to Mr Parson's garden - stlod there 8 or 10 minutes singing & dancing in a lively strain - Marched home overflowing with music - did not retire till late, we ha had become so enraptured with these delights & the gaiety of the ev'g

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4th Wrote ballots - much time loitered away in dressing to go & pay my friend E. T. Locke a visit - his arrival happened the preceding day - I mistake - it was, I think a day sooner. Previous to my going away Mr Anderson & ladies departed for Saratoga Springs, Mrs A. being in ill health
395 These people visited us without receiving in return such civilities as I think they deserved - I rank myself among those whom I hold guilty, but do not think myself quite so much so as my eldest sister who strove not enough to hide some cold, distant, unfiredly feeling which she harbored during the time of their tarry with us. Miss Clark was older than her sister Anderson - said more, but appeared not so agreeable, altho' her conversation was far from being insipid ; had a taste for reading novels - seemed to possess a good common education - as did her sister, who, however, I guess, in that respect was not her equal. Mrs A. spoke in a softer & milder tone; what she said had more solidity in it - both appeared cast down with affliction, their father & mother dying at nearly the same time in the spring of 1813, leaving 3 daughters & a son. Mr A. shewed nothing unbecoming in his
396 behavior, but as far as our acquaintance could search him, lacked the art of pleasing to such a degree ~~to~~ as many possess it. Spoke rather loud & sharp - often of himself & exploits he had done. I think it highly probable that he might be an active young man, his age being a little past 26.

In walking down to Mr Locke's conversed with Mr E. Fay who appeared to reason very correctly about the war, taxes, &c., but as I advanced along to his son's found Mr W. Green red hot about the War & office seekers seeking - threatened standing neuter - swore he'd never be federal - his talk bordered on insanity - had his company & conversation along the road for some distance. Arrived at Locke's found him & his folks in health - brought favorable news from
397 his relatives & friends in Pennsylvania. Took a walk with him down the Creek, conversed with hkm on different subjects, particularly on politics, about which he expressed himself in favor of that kind of men, only, who were friendly to the country, let the colour of their party be what it would. I did not solicit him to vote that way which I thought best, but hoped, in that respect, he would boldly march up to the pole & Obey the dictates of his own conscience. This he said was what he intended to do. The chief I urged against the party called federal was, their irregular proceedings in the Legislature in 1813 & in the Council of Censors, in this he ac - knowledged me right, but in his turn, complained of the opposite party - especially their remissness in suffering the Capitol to be taken, which I owned appeared in a very bsd light. I used no per
398 suasion with him other than to do what he esteemed just & right. My object in this interview was, to find out how my friend stood affected towards the parties - & was satisfied that he would either in part, or wholly, vote federal. All this passed in friendship. Parted with him about sun-set - in ill health - walked with capt

Norton up to his house - invited me to call, but refused because I was unwell - Came to Mr Parson's - but had scarcely no satisfactia there - Miss S. being afflicted with a violent teeth-ache which ra rendered her less sociable & affable than usual - Miss Harwood & Mkss Waters came there staid 'till 9 in the ev'g. Mr Haff & young Rogers were extremely lively & humerous. Sister Lyd said, because I staid a moment after she & her friend departed, & then overtook them ere they reached home - "dont you want to get the mitten again - Came home sick - Mother shewed her native tenderness

399 One sin which I commited this day, should not go untold. A set of Demo'c ballots were handed by me to friend Locke, not thinking by that means to secure his vote - left it with himself, entirely, whether he would put <u>them</u> or the other kind, into the boxes. When I have said, that, this evening was intolerably warm, and succeeded by sudden cold, 12 at night, which made us all quake again, I have said enough about so remarkable a day & night.

MONDAY, SEPT 5th Finished sowing 4½ acres of rye. Cold & gloomy - Deep in thought - in low spirits.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6th Quitted the plow 2 P.M. - visited the poll - voted Democratic throughout. Retired to J.E. Robinson's office after going round - Looked into some books. Heard a clattering & voices uttering - "Noadiah Swift" - "Swift" -"Swift" "Noadiah Swift, is the man". I wrnt to enquire a little into the affair at neighbor Haswell's and was told by my friend William that he

400 had strictly attended while the freemen were voting for representative to the Assembly and seen the votes sorted & counted - thus stated to me - that for the above office there were given in 440 votes which was 7 more or higher than the number of names entered by the T. Clerk, this alone was considered enough to invalidate the election, that, for Noadiah Swift (Fed) there were 222 votes - for David Fay (Dem) 212 - 6 scattering and what is rather extraordinary, after the Constable had declared the box turned, four Democrats presented their ballots, which were rejected, it being urged, contrary to ancient usage, that the box once turned, no ballots can be accepted. Admitting those rejected it would have made a tie. These four ballots it was understood were sealed up to be presented to the Legislature for their consideration - with the documents .

In this town, Galusha (D) obtained a majority of 4 for Gov'r over Chittenden (F). My health was not good - perhaps some bad consequences resulted from this

401 Spent part of the evening at E.Waters' - latter part at T.C.Parsons' Esquire. Chilly, damp, gloomy, unpleas't weather.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7th Col J. E. Robinson assembled his Reg. for gen-review and inspection. Joined Capt Blackmer's company to do duty, but being ill, felt incompetent to the task & requested to be released - the capt evaded the petition. Marched into the field - half a mile W. of the C. House - reminded the capt of my indisposition more than once, but could not obtain liberty to withdraw - at last I quitted the ground abruptly without permission - lay under the fence some time - Being somewhat recovered returned to the ranks - was inspected - and about 1 P.M. the kind, benevolent capt consented to let me go - gave my gun & equipments to others, & marched slowly home. Here I took bed under the care of my mother, remained there till evening. Mother

402 held a private discourse with me which lasted more than an hour. Mr Sam Robinson's lady & children paid us a kind visit. Warm weath'r Had the vaporin.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8th In bad health - Spent part of the A.M. at Mr Parsons'. Lovice & Mary Harwood were on the road from capt Norton's, coming to our house in a one horse waggon. By un skilfull management their horse escaped and ran from them, a few rods, south of blue point, and was not stopped till he reached the summit of the hill north of Parsons', which was done by me & Mr Brown. The girls were in a sad plight, staid here 'till sometime P.M. to adjust their dress which was smeared with blue-hill mud when they were spilt out of their waggon.

I passed most of the P.M. at Mary West's - wrote a long letter there which I suppressed - Mary said she knew I had been writing a love letter - Cunning D'l - how came she to suspect me of that.
403 It was rainy, my spirits being low - gloominess was predominant.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9th Accompanied Mr Parsons in a one horse waggon to Hoosick - dined at his brother Seth's - read nearly all of a letter from Andrew P. to his brother S. dated near Easthampton, L.I., written at the time of the attack on Stonington by the British - related how many discharges had been heard, &c. Called on friend or rzther cousin Isaac Stone at Mr Bishop's - found him well - informed me that his brother David was so likewise - lived at a Mr Wallace's - I returned to Mr Parsons' - Heard his lady read the life of D'Alembert a noted French Author of the last century, in the Eninburgh - Encyclopoedia - N.Y. Edition - He was a singular character, was never married, but was love-sick at 60 years of age. Mr P. & I returned from H. 6 P.M. We had Dr Jonas' waggon which I blush to own was not obtained in so hon'ble a manner as it ought to have been - some little bick
404 ering between him & Mr P. but of no essential notice. I agreed to pay for half the use of it, which was 1/4 of a D.

SATURDAY, SEPT. LOth Ploughed & felt gloomy - Rainy aspect.

SUNDAY, SEPT. LLth About noon had a private interview with father in the garden. It afforded me much satisfaction

MONDAY, SEPT 12th Spirits low indeed this morning. So rainy P.M. as to oblige us to quit plowing. Mother was so ill that Dr Swift was sent for - he came and gave her mediciene that soon afforded relief.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13th Having worked the day in the barn - walked at night to Mr Haswell's where took supp'r and talked a long time with friend William, stabding together alone in the office, on matrimonial concerns. Explained to him a little mystery with which he had in part become acquainted. Mr H. & I agreed well in all points discoursed this evening. Some time in the night Mr Davis a neighbour called up Alvah Rice & sent to Mr
405 Gale's for Dr Swift to visit his lady - The doctor not appearing so soon as desired friend W. had to arise and go, although partly sick and the night rainy & dark. He met him & returned shortly.

It was about this time that we were visited by a long east storm which was rainy, chilly and some windy, but not so violent as at many times.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14th Called early at Swift's & Hyde's on an errand - Stopped at Parsons' to leave the Farmer - saw Ira there who said that Dr Jonas brought good news from Troy the last evening, stating that a handbill appeared, which he had not seen, announcing the defeat of the British on Lake Champlain. At or after noon the news was announced by discharge of cannon. Jacob

1814 Anthony rode of our horses to town & brought us a handbill from the Farmer press informing of the glorious event.

Great rejoicings were held in town in which party feeling was almost suppressed. Gen Armstrong's exculpatory letter app'd in the Argus.

406 THURSDAY, SEPT. 15th Cut up corn by the roots - Cloudy, but concluded the rains were about to cease. Wrote a lt little in the evening - Read the Mountain Mourner - and not a little affected therewith. An hour late in the evening was agreeably talked away by mother and her children.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16th The rains continued. A part of the day fair - Worked with father threshing wheat - were pretty sociable - Mr Anderson with his lady & her sister Jane Clark from Saratoga Springs arrived this P.M. Tarried the eve'g at Mr Parsons'.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17th Became less rainy - too wet for sowing. Employed about cutting up corn.

SUNDAY, SEPT 18th Mr Anderson left us today. P.M. attended service. Mr Marsh read 26th Chapt of Isaiah - took his text at the 10th verse. Told how hard it was for this pe people to repent &c. Spent the eve'g at Mrs .....
The weather began to look more favorable.

407 MONDAY, SEPT. 19th Began sowing wheat. The cider-mill was set up & repaired by John Duncan Esqr. Mr Montague came from Sodom & tarried all night. Had a load of saltpetre.

TUESDAY, SEPT 20th All were engaged about sowing - a very sudden shower of rain came up at night - by which we took a wetting.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 21st Rainy - sowing suspended - P.M. Worked on the side of Mount Anthony - upper side - of Mr Brown's cave lot, which Mr Watson was sowing with wheat, for Dr Jonas, digging stones for wall which he agreed to build, for Mr Brown. At the P.O. obtained papers giving particulars of McDonough important and signal victory - also the disaster of the British at Plattsburgh & at Baltimore - and Gen Brown's return to his command. Agreed with Mr Clark for the New York Columbian at $2 pr year.

THURSDAY, SEPT 22nd Father finished sowing 6 acres with wheat - comprising his young orchard, and small field adjoining it on the N.E.

408 Mr Nathan Eldred of Pownal was married this P.M. to Mrs Joanna Campbell, mother of Mr T. C. Parsons, Bennington. The wedding was holden at Mr P's at which the principal relatives of both parties were present, as well as father, Dr Jonas, capt Ira & his lady. Mother was invited, but an odd notion prevented her attending. Mr Marsh pronounced them man & wife.
Mr Watson had the first use of the cider-mill this season.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23d Compleated cutting up corn. P.M. father & mother rode on horse-back to Pownal to attend 2nd day wedding at Mr Eldred's. Good news from Fort Erie respecting the Grand Sortie on the 19th. Fine moon. Walked with Jonathan Rogers to Mr Judd's where he collected a few cents which were due from him to me.

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SATURDAY, SEPT 24th With two teams harrowed over the wheat ground which finally ended that business - Saw Mr Haff at Parsons' - talked with him about the War &c. Commenced writing a letter to Mrs R. Stone, Scipio. Took up all the ev'g in that way

409 SUNDAY, SEPT. 25th Closed the letter to Mrs Stone which I have not time to copy or notice substantially ; what occurred at this period will account for what it contained. As I was just tripping off to meeting a coach arrived with Miss Fanny Leonard from Pittsfield, Mss. in a low state of health - a sister of capt I. Harwood's lady. A shower appeared which drove me into Mr Parsons' where I tarried 'till p.M. - had my hair cut and made for church - called at Mrs Hinman's at the mom't she had caused her chaise to be made ready. She invited me to ride with her - I readily complied - and arrived in due time, entered the sacred mansion. Paid not the exactest attention to the minister or other objects which are designed to attract notice here, but perused the Memoirs of Sully where he speaks about cabals among the nobility of his day, and more particularly concerning the King's mistresses who caused him great uneasiness.

410 Returned, in the manner I went, from Church. Had a friendly answer, to a letter from Miss C. Norton, dated the 20th. It, Miss N's lette was good. Have not time to copy it - Walked with Miss S. Waters to capt N's - overtaken on the road by Miss Clarissa who had been to Mr B. Squires' - Gallanted the two ladies from Capt N's to his son L's - Returned to Mr P's - Read Sully and conversed with Squire Harvey about the War &c. Came home about 10.

MONDAY, SEPT.26th Cider making - plowing, pulling beans, gathering broom-corn, all went on. A frost expected, but did not come. Some rainy P.M. In the evening Jona. Rogers brought me a letter from Luther Smith which pleased me well- here follows a copy of it :-

Attica, Sept 3rd 1814

Friend Hiram.

I now embrace this opportunity of writing to you, to inform you that I am well at present. I received your letter and read it wit with pleasure. I am happy to think that you are so good as to write to me, as I am in this Western

411 World among the Coosies & Talapoosies and toughing it well with the "Yellow-girls". The iiformation which you gave about Locke, I did not expect to hear, though I might expect the devil would be raised as soon as my back was turned.

I should like well to (see) visit Bennington once more, but ~~m~~ my business will not admit of it at present ; though we may one of visit you this Winter, if the Lord is willing. I should like to see some of the Old Maids there. As for the girls here, they are scarce.

Hiram, the War makes a great confusion here at present - the Militia of this county are called out in full - and a man's life here is considered to be worth but little. There has been a great many men killed on our frontiers. The bombs fly here like be d...d around the Forts. If we could have peace here, the country would flourish in a few years. For my part I should be glad to have p peace, when I see the barborous work which is taking place - where that our Capital was, is destroyed. I should be glad to hear from you again, & if there is any new caper kicked up, give us the particulars in full. This from

Yours

Luther Smith

Give my respects to the whole.

412 TUESDAY, SEPT. 27th Com (corn) gathered, and cider carried to still Mr Ezra Doty brought me a very short letter fr N.R.Locke - The President's Message appeared - News of Gen Ross' death arrived - Mr Clark sent me a Columbian of Sept 7th. Cool . No rain.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 28th Lowery - engaged principally about plowing - Warned to training, by M.D.Robinson. Finished writing a letter to Elisha Smith, Attica (N.Y.) which sets out with some concern for the situation of the Western country - hoped it might not be his fortune to be called out among the Militia - Informed him of the results of an affair which I shall pass over in silence in this place - of the young people in the neighborhood - of my own affairs, and other subjects which I cannot stop to notice Wrote likewise to his brother Luther ( ) endeavored to let him know how pleased I was with his reply to mine dated in June - other matters were inserted which I omit - here for want of time. Widow Anne Waters with Mr S. Brown arrived from Stockbridge, Mass
413 Capt Ellis Doty staid all night with us - highly engaged about politics - Rainy at night.

THURSDAY, SEPT 29th Ill suited with working on the mountain for Dr Jonas as on the 21st. Mr Brown visited us in the evening. Much talk & laughter ensued among the ladies. Read Sully.

FRIDAY, SEPT 30th Father, Mother & 'Damia went to Easton (N.Y.) to visit Mr Joseph Northup & family. Mr Duncan framed the new cider-mill-sweep which was raised. Began digging potatoes. Fine warm day. Sept. this year must be said to have been extremely wet - 5th., 6th & 25th cold, but no frost in this quarter - there was one in Wilmington about the 5th or 6th very fatal to corn and other vegetables not grown out of its reach.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1st A fine day - Busy - harvesting corn and potatoes - Dr Jonas absent P.M. Mr Wm Haswell came down in the evening with the records of the Association of the Sons of Liberty for me to en
414 the transactions of that body since my being Secretary. He slept with me & was sociable & entertaining. Mr Reuben Donaldson and an active, well behaved, young man, his son, put up here, on their return from Ontario County to Colerain - Said it was heavy travelling in that country at their departure - This Mr D. was a cousin of my father's - apparently a fine man.

Finished a lengthy letter to Nath'l R. Locke - Hardly know how how to spend a moment in barely mentioning it here - but think I'll touch it lightly.

In the first paragraph he is remind of the brevity of his letter which was only to beg an answer from me and deserved a lean reply, but as revenge was not what I sought, he should have the best my pen afforded. Some remarks are made on his letter of July 14th (p. 353) - asked some explanations on some heads mentioned where I recorded hits - Gave the substance of L. Smith's and some other circumstances respecting it. Painted a trait in a young lady's
413 character, whom he highly esteemed, which I founded on good authority. See p. 350 Informed him of my own affairs - of Montague's situation, which shall appear here and a good deal more not worth repeating. Late when I retired.

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SUNDAY, OCT. 2d Deeply engaged writing for the Sons of L'y. Mr Haswell was so good as to tarry till late P. M. to assist me - rendering me very essential service. Father arrived safe with his load from Easton (see Friday) Mr Ellis Doty came from Troy - passed the evening in a manner highly agreeable to me. Mr Donaldson & son started for home.

MONDAY, OCT. 3d Doty and his friend Swift went away - Thundered in the morning & rained here in the course of the day. In the evening retired with Miss

414 TUESDAY, OCT. 4th Training. Drilled longer & harder than I ever before saw or knew Militia to be. Capt W. Blackmer provided good music & enough of it - dismissed his company at or near 5 P.M. with a coarse, but patriotic address. - exhorting his men to use every means to equip themselves for actual service into which they knew not how soon they should be called.

My letters to E. & L. Smith were sent Mr Jacob Sage to be carried by him to Batavia - and that written by me & two others written by Mr Duncan to Mrs Stone & her daughter Annis, I caused to go by Mr Pitts Lawrence who would start on Thursday for Sernpronius,

At E. Waters' gaily spent the evening among the ladies. Play'd the flute for them to dance - Mr Brown was of the party - had his horse slily put into the barn by two of the girls as if they expected he would tarry with widow Waters - He however came away soon after the company dispersed, but was prodigiously swamped about his bridle which

415 he could not, nor did not, find, 'till next day - was compelled to ride home without it - The girls said they were innocent respecting the loss of the bridle. The ladies who constituted the company - were, Mrs A. & P. Waters, Miss R. Harwood, Miss L. Harwood, Miss S. Waters & Miss S. Stone. Fine cloudy, warm weather.

While at the N. Letter office to borrow Mr Whitney's flute, saw Mr Whitney and Mr Bliss have a little fracas, which was begun quick & ended quick. The dispute originated about some dealing they had had together which I do not understand clearly enough to state - Mr Bliss called Mr Whitney some very dirty names - Whitney retirted & ordered him out of the office - he refused going - upon which W. forced him out by main strength - telling him after he had fairly thrust him out, that he might come in again if he wished - Bliss spurned that and went off in great rage - swearing he would sue him for what he woed him.

416 WEDNESDAY, OCY. 5th Busy among apples - at night recorded for the Sons of L. also read an excellent letter in the Intelligencer of (if I mistake not) Sept 27th., which relates to particulars about gen Armstrong's quitting his office.

In speaking of the gt Freshet, Aug 28th, p. 389, the description there given does not altogether apply to this part of the country, although in other parts it was unhappily verified. No mills of value were carried off in this town - Messrs Hinsdell suffered much as to their Woolen Factory.

I omitted, p. 408, mentioning the age of Mr Eldred & his lady which if rightly informed is this - Mr E. 72, Mrs E. 54

THURSDAY, OCT. 6th Made an end of gathering apples in the y'g orchard and which bore lightly this year - Began husking corn P.M. Cold, stormy and unpleasant. Mr Daniel Church came in a 1 horse wag'n from Sodom. (p. 254)

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FRIDAY, OCT. 7th Cider made for Capt S. Squire - Rain, blue day - Preparations were in train for going to Cambridge & Sodom. Mr Silas Harwood &

417 made their appearance at night on their way from the sea-border in the neighborhood of N. London. Mrs A. & Mrs P. Waters were waggoned home late this cold evening by Doctor Jonas - Tough job, but must be done. Returned the records of the Association of the Sons of Liberty to Secretary Merrill with a note to excuse my inaccuracies & to insert one days, or rather one evenings proceedings for me, which being attended with some difficulties I chose to omit.

In reading the proceedings respecting Galusha's Address, one gla glaring, and almost unpardonable blunder was committed which I, nor no one else could set right. When they chose me secretary I was well aware how piteously they mistook me, now to their mortification it may be they saw it. If ever I was sincere, it would be in acknowledging the pleasure it gave me to see this place filled by another far more capable person than myself. In snug obscurity I delight to dwell - It ill accorded with such a feeling to see, now & then, in great capitals, in the G. M. F'r - "Hiram Harwood, Secretary."

418 SATURDAY, OCT. 8th Arose prematurely. The moon deceived me. Wind came bleak & searching from N.W. - brought up my horses & stabled - sat over the fire awhile - tooth ached - went to bed - lay till fair day-light - taking a fine nap ere rousting them 2d time - Good deal of confusion among the ladies because Capt Harwood's wife was to take breakfast here - they said she was a very nice, refined kind of a woman. However she ate her meal without finding a word of fault - and they all happily - viewed it. Half past 9, the ladies - ie Widow Waters - Sister Lydia & Miss S. Waters, we departed for Cambridge, N.Y., When arrived at Wilkinsons' I told L. White Creek - it was deemed unnecessary to be colder to excuse calling at Inn. Warmed and baited (and) went on again. Mr Church in company. Left him at Dr Dorrs where we set him in the way to Sodom, instructing him to inform his people of our intention to visit them.

419 We enjoyed ourselves well, riding over a good road, which lasted within three miles of Mr Samson's at whose house Mrs Waters calculated to visit her eldest daughter. Lydia and I now became impatient, the way becoming hilly and depending on Mrs W. and Miss W. to inform us of the distance we were to go ere we arrived at their respective friends. At length we came to Mr S's - landed Mrs Waters - learnt that her daughter had not come from school which was to cease this day having been taught by Miss Polly Waters. We pushed forward towards Mr Brown's, brother-in-law of Miss W - determined, althouh late, to continue (after disposing of Miss W.) our route to Sodom. To gain information respecting the road to that village, called at a Mr Woodards - saw a complete female figure, with a handsome child in her arms and old man who appeared to be rising of 70 - This lady politely treated me, assisted by the aged man, s atisfactorily answered my inquiry - passed on to Mr B's - found nobody at home - gave the horses a lock of hay - sat down in the house

420 over which our friend Sophie had almost instantly precipitated herdelf - found Mr B's violin - scraped that the few moments we were there. Lydia felt uneasy - wanted to be going - Without waiting the arrival of the good folks all got into the waggon, rode till we met them returning with Miss P. Waters and their children from school. Spoke with them. Miss Waters alighted, and we steered for Sodom - the road to which passed over a steep mountain ~~the-road-to-which~~ at the bottom of which we came to the Turnpike, here we made enquiry of a Dutchman who in a ludicrous manner gave us the necessary directions. About two miles hilly road remained yet to be traversed - it was dusk, but

without difficul we made the Village between 6 & 7 in the evening. Mr Montague & family were principally at home & appeared pleased to see us. Evening pleasantly spent - all contentedly retired.

SUNDAY, OCT. 9th Very frosty morning - heard town bell from Salem village. About 10 A.M.

421 walked out with friend Erastus - came to a piece of pasture E. of a piece of woods back of the V. sat down, talked & played on the flute. Arose and marched to a chestnut tree standing near a cross-road - staid here a good while -,a neighbour, whose name do not recollect, joined us both, in conversation and knocking off chestnuts - a member of Elder Warren's Church , about 30 years of age, had been in the the militia service in 1812 and kn the late alarm was called out, as well as my young friend. They related many anecdotes respecting the Militia in their late expedition.

This pious man having withdrawn (now really he had every mark of a Christian in his person which was decked in sable hue - no stoc kings on - his ancles, and as much of his feet as could be seen above his shoes appeared as tho' he had lived near Blue-hill in Bennington, hands likewise) So do slovens & sluts talk of each other - for they say I am an egregious sloven. Well, this gent'n being gone - I proposed going in quest

422 of apples - so we jogged on to the east & entered a gentlemans orchard, took what we desired, taking the Arlington road, continued walking till we reached a low brick house, surrounded with rows of Lombardy Poplars - owned by a rich Scotchman named Lord - Rested a few moments and then visiting a neighboring orchard returned by the said road to the Village. He pointed out to me on that road the dwelling of a musician whom I wished much to see, but could not on account of his strictness in observing the day, he being Elder Warren's Chorister. Service was not ended when we entered the V.- went down and viewed the dam (which had been rebuilt since my being there in April) and saw-mills one of which, that had on Salem shore been repaired - that on Cambridge side remained yet to be rebuilt - a frightful pile as it now stood - scarcely dared to venture myself in it. From the mills returned to the house. In the course of a few moments Miss Lydia & Miss Theodosia came from Church.

423 Lydia said she had been well entertained - wished I had been there - told her I cared nothing about it for I had passed the time in a manner very pleasing to me, felt no uneasiness on that account. She said she saw many fine beaux & lassis such as would have delighted me to behold- this, however, did not make me repent not being present. Having staid as long we had calculated to, I brought up my horses preparatory to going away but find the hind shoes of one of them must be fastened ere we could move a step. A very good Black-smith was at hand, but had to await his arrival from turning away a horse - he at last came - did the work - asked me no pay - belonged to the Church - named Perine - I heartily thanked him - returned to M's and harnessed my beasts. They urged us to stay but we answered as we had made our arrangements it was impossible - parted from them about sunset - Passed over into the turnpike, nothing worth remarking taking place - But on climbing the

424 the E. side of the mountain, to lessen the burden of the horses we both alighted & ascended to the very summit on foot - Lydia even continued her march much further in that manner, but I declare,'till then I never knew what darkness was - a great part of the way on that side of the mountain was exceeding woody - but a few rods below the pike the lively imagination of a Poet can hardly conceive of a more frightful, terrific cavern-like wild than that through which we passed This we contemplated only as a curiosity without suffering fear of

any kind - what we most dreaded was decending the other side which was half the way enveloped in darkness as thick as that spoken of above ; there being a steep bank on our left and a frightful de - clivity on the right, which made us apprehend by (our) the horses' crowding, as they were apt to do in going down hill, that we should be over-set. Lydia begged to get out going down the steepest parts through fear - I would not consent to it -
425 bidding her stick to - there was nothing to fear - but, in fact I really was afraid, and not a little rejoiced on finding myself with her safely conveyed to bottom of this "Hill of difficulty" - We smoothly rolled along to Mr Brown's where we arrived so much later than was expected, that we took them on surprise. Mrs W. and her little daughter were here as were old Mr B. & lady, likewise another lady, name not recollected.

The violin and flute were both used - the former with far greater skill than the latter - singing was likewise introduced, but what gave a peculiar zest to our pleasures was, the performance of a little Comedy by Miss Polly Waters, after the old people and that lady had returned home. Mr Stacy, of Woodford, Benn'n Co was the ~~choice~~ character she represented - and she certainly did it ingeniously. Having ended this, she shewed us the manner in which the old Scotch people talk - no one in another room, if he had heard her, without knowing who it was, would have taken
426 her to have been any other than a lady just from Scotland. Songs and other amusements lasted the whole evening, and it was late before we retired.

MONDAY. OCT. 10th The pleasures of the morning were not surpassed by those of the preceding evening, and to crown all breakfasted on a luscious dish of fowl. I was highly pleased with their children, consisting of two fine boys, aged four and five, and a daughter between 2 and 3. We had no occasion to be dissatisfied with our visit at Mr B's. Ten A.M. departed thence, bringing with us to Mr Sampson's P. & Mary Ann Waters, the former as she came past a gentleman working in a field at some distance, said his name was Ben Carter - her beaux - she called another gentleman by that name shaving whoops, or at some other employment, at a house on the
427 same road - a rusty looking fellow, calling him her beaux. Ar Mr S~~s~~ Mrs W. took leave of her child, and we, with a fine day before us, in easy and careless plight, pressed forward for home. Mrs W. had business at Stephenson's store, Cambridge. Saw a few books there ~~a~~ among which was an American Dictionary on the plan of Walker's - Price $9 - Publish'd in 1813. Our stop was short here - some large rich corn-fields beyond (and) and this side of the store - In passing a grave-yard, half a mile N. the ~~children~~ Chequered house, we got down to view a curious monument erected to the memory of Miss Catherine Curtemius, who died in 1810, Aet 37 - Most names we saw in this place were attatched to aged persons - Halted an hour at Wilkinson's - returning to whose Inn we pursued a different course from
428 that we took on Saturday, instead of crossing the mountain by Briggs works came by the Chequered House - Past 4 left L.W.Creek - at Wm Henry's Esq's took in Mr Calvin Faxon, brought him to Judge Robinson's - all came safe home a little after dark - Fine warm day - Returned Mr Whitney's flute in his absence.

It should be stated that from this place to Mr Brown's N'th pt of Cambridge, it is 22 or 23 miles - from thence in an Eastern direction to Sodom - 5 miles.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 Worked with father for Dr Jonas at walling. Dissatisfied with working on the mountain - as

greatly fatigued as when working in hay time.
Capt Ira killed a young beef that weighed 338 lb - reckoned worth $19 Our pork failed us about this time this year - See p.120

429 WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12th Brought in the last of our potatoes - In the Spr' thirty bushels were planted - one acre produced 100 bushels - 50 more from the cornfield in all 150 - those that grew in the meadow - Eng White's - were of a good size - few in the hill - with that kind it was the same in the C-field, but the Mamoths & lady's fingers produced there, were few and extremely small.
Mr Judd worked with us.

THURSDAY, OCT. 13th Employed in gathering apples - Mr Brown came over in the evening - the girls, I think, used him ill - talking to him about Old Sprague's accomplished daughters. Fine day
The ladies in the P.M. received an Algerine visit.

Friday, OCTOBER 14 Engaged as on the 13th. Mr Emp'm Taylor and lady arrived on a visit. Weather continued fine.

430 SATURDAY, OCT. 15th We harvested corn and carted husks and corn stalk - Blew up cold - Stormy boisterous night.

SUNDAY, OCT. 16th Applied closely to writing. Keenly cold. Sharp NW wind. The girls went to Mr Waters' in the evg After they were gone I began to ready to go too, but suddenly altered my mind - staid at home writing. Mr Wolleben gallanted the ladies home - and for want of room at W's lodged here. There came a hard frost this night.

MONDAY, OCT. 17th Made cider for ourselves. Mr & Mrs Taylor, friend E. Waters & lady, Widow Waters &c were feasted on roast turkey this P.M. at our house. I ate of the same, but wished it , but wished it back again soon after - never endured so so much in my life from heaviness & sluggishness - from which however
431 I considerably recovered in the course of the evening, which was principally passed at Mr Parsons' - Lodged with Rog ers.

TUESDAY, Oct 18th Harvesting corn at the . Read the despatches from Ghent. Who wants more proof of British arrogance, meanness and pride ? Who will after reading those letters, pretend to doubt their close connection with the Indians for more than 20 years past, by every art instigating them to fall on our back settlements in all previous wars which have happened within that period of time.
There is certainly much grandeur in the character of Gt Britian when coupled with so Hellish a race as the inhuman, blood-thirsty, Savages of the wilds of N. America. Great God, can the World any longer respect such a nation ? The catalogue of bloody crimes of which that nation is the author hath swelled into volumes.

432 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19th Corn harvest continued. Mr Brown, Dr Jonas Wido Waters, the Misses R. & L. Harwood and Miss Waters' went in a waggon to Mr Houses's - there spent the evening. Raw, chilly air.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20th Father rallied us this morning at half past three to put some corn-stalks & husks left unbound over night, fearing a long rain might set in & ruin them. - it however soon ceased raining after we turned out - none of any con

1814 sequence came again during the day - We accomplished our desires in
a short time returning to the house each retured again to his lodg-
ing - having previously myself looked over a few pages of Sully
which afforded me much delight. Corn-harvest was finished.
We think we received from 4 acres 100 bushels merchantable corn.
433 It was handsome and extremely sound. The field in which grew is W. of
the barn.

FRIDAY,OCTOBER 21st The corn-field was entirely cleared - and flax
taken up. Mr Taylor with his lady & daughter de
parted for home - having paid us a pleasing and well received visit.
See pages 412-419 - to know when they came. Some family jars occurr-
ed which shall remain suppressed - sufficient to say that a set of
silver teaspoons occasioned them. Paid a little visit to Mr Watsons'
this evening - saw Miss Nancy - she said but little - her mother did
most of the talking. Played on the flute, and read news - some of
which was highly interesting - as Major Lawrence's defense of Fort
Bowyer - the readiness of the Big Ship on L.O. &c.

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436 SATURDAY,OCTOBER 22nd Nearly cleared the Orchard - Dropped in a
moment at T. C's - Dr Jonas arrived late from
Troy. Sour cloudy weather.

SUNDAY,OCT. 23rd My birth-day - aged 26 - Excepting what time it
took me to make pens, out of which there was not
one good one -,the day was spent writing. The evening passed off far
more agreeably than the day. However, it must not be forgotten that
this world is full of changing scenes - what goes well today, may go
bad tomorrow. Raw chilly air - ground white at night.

Felt vexed with myself in the morning because so much time was
consumed in making pens, but this over, as much severity as usual
accompanied me through the day.

The first information of the Massachusetts Delegation appoint-
ment reached me this day - Cursed scheme.

437 MONDAY, OCT. 24th Broken day - Cider mill repaired by Mr Watson,
who had injured it grinding over pumace the 2nd
time. Received a letter from Miss C.Norton, a
copy of which follows.

Bennington, October 21st 1814

Sir - With pleasure I again resume our correspondence, which I ac-
knowledge, on my part, has been too long neglected. Do not think
that because I have not written before your letters are less esteem-
ed by me. Nothing is more pleasing than the reception of letters
from absent friends, and believe me, yours contribute not the least
to that pleasure. Your <u>last</u> I was particularly pleased with - I was
apprehensive that on perusing <u>mine</u> you would consider it too insipid
to merit an answer, and would consequently discon
438 tinue writing. Is it not delightful to see the sun revisit the earth
with its former vivifying influence ? let me assure you it is to the
return of pleasant weather you are indebted for the (perusal of this
curiousO) exquisite happiness of perusing this curious epistle.

I should be happy to say something to the subject, which you
sometime since submitted to me, did I not think myself incompetent to
the task.

They are subjects too with which I am so little acquainted, it

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is with great difficulty I hazard an attempt.

A person (in my opinion) c annot improve his leisure time to greater advantage than in perusing, with attention the writings of an elegant and well informed writer. It furnishes him with a fund of ideas for reflection and conversation. What, next to the society of a dear friend, is so pleasing to a heart of sensibility as the heavenly productions of a Thompson, Milton, Scot, &c &c To the perusal of whom I can
439 say I owe many of the most pleasurable moments of my existence.

With sentiments of respect I style myself your friend

C. Norton

Mr H. Harwood

P.S. I should be happy to receive an answer soon - Do excuse this if you possibly can. C. N.

On reading this letter, I saw myself so much in the rear of my correspondent, as it respects reading - especially authors of that class which she names, that I was struck with shame and confusion. I repented ever opening a correspondence with her - for thought I - she can only read, pity and despise what I write - I guess I shan't send her any more letters for the future. But reflecting further, considered it best not yet to break off - enlightened minds do not treat their inferiors with so much contempt as is many times apprehended - why may I not presume to approach persons of more refined education & reading than myself with such humble performances as
440 as the small fund of ingenuity which the Lord has blessed me with, will allow me to execute - being paid with large interest when such replies reach me as this young lady writes.

TUESDAY, Oct. 25th Cider was made for Dr Swift. Father worked on the mountain at walling for Dr Jonas, & wounded himself in one of his legs. Clear and undisturbed in mind. Had a juvenile chit-chat with Mr Haff and J. Rogers at Mr Parsons' shop - talked with Mr H. about a separation of the States. He altogether condemned it - said he would fight against it sooner than almost anything &c. His republicanism was good. See p. 443

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26th News scarce, and that of a bad complexion. Indians beginning to rise in the W. - Lord Hill on his way to this country with a large force - Baltimore threatened - Father went to the furnace and agreed to have a stove, but did not bring it home. Mary West came to see the ladies.

442 THURSDAY, OCT. 27th Cider made for Dr Swift and Parsons. Carried the doctors' cider to his house - assistance was given by Irs and me about getting it into the cellar & placing it away - Dr Heman had the superintendence of it - his brother being absent at the Legislature - Dr Wright lent hand, and told us the report which the stage driver brought in - that the Big Ship on Lake O. had been surprized in a defenceless situation & brought into Sackett's Harbour by one of the American Schooners.

We made this year for Dr Swift 2-1/2 barrels cider and 6 for Thos C. Parsons, who had more made at our mill but not by us. Mild weather.

FRIDAY, OCT. 28th South wind continued high - commenced raining P.M. - While it rained, was in Parsons' shop - had Sully's Mem'rs with me - heard Mr Haff read therein - tolerable-but some Dutchy. Mr H.

442 442 was preparing to quit the neighborhood - wanted to sell me a pair of thin boots which had been foxed - told him I would shew them to father, and do as he thought best - so I did - he said no - consequently we did not trade. I think his price was five dollars. Received a reprimand for staying at the shop after it had done raining; excused myself, with saying, which was true, that Parsons hindered me by not doing some work I carried to him, so soon as he ought

SATURDAY, OCT. 29th Cider for ourselves was made. P,M, waited on the Misses Harwood, S.Waters & S.Stone to Trenors' furnace - Mr Murphy politely shewed the ladies about the whole works and as we were about to take leave of him he severally presented each lady (except Miss S. for whom he had nothing prepared) with a small quantity in his line, besides some articles which he sent to Capt Harwood's lady - Sister Lydia's was the
443 more remarkable as it was a small iron bason with the initials of her name indented on the out-side.

Mr Haff this morning quitted his residence in this place, intending to pass the Winter in Troy or Albany. His parents were living in Johnstown, N.Y. - Learned his trade in Duanesburgh - had roved some - was married, very unfortunately, March 1813 - & for a very good reason, lived with his wife but a few weeks - carried her to her parents in Connecticut, and, after various movements came to Vermont, Feb. 1814, to become a citizen, and obtain a Bill of Divorce, but the Court uniformily refusing to grant Bills to persons coming from without the State, and finding this Court continued in the same hands by the Legislature - he resolved to retire into his native state till a more favor
444 able opportunity should occur. Mr H. under his circumstances conducted himself in character - of a lively good disposition - bright quick, understanding - sociable and entertaining - well skilled in his business (tanning and currying). In his person middling size, slim, tolerably proportioned, dark hair and light complexion dark expressive eyes - civil and courteous in his manners - In fine, my acquaintance, which to be sure was not very intimate, with him discovered nothing in his character but that was manly & upright. Mr H. was 26 in August.

The expedition to the furnace has hardly had its due. Mr M. having furnished the ladies with their presents, generously treated us with a glass of whiskey, but it was not in that still which he would have been quite glad to do it - the ladies, however, received it very kindly - making all necessary allowances. We took a 45 dollar stove & brought
445 it safe home over rough ugly travelling - Carried a barrel of cider to the furnace men - 2 Doll's for the cidr - 25¢ for transport paid for in cash. Mr S. Robinson & his lady came on a visit this evening. Warm, cloudy & pleas't.

SUNDAY, OCT. 30th Gloom and discontent filled my mind - Miss C. Norton called and read a few lines of this Journal. We had a large cheese on the cider-press to attend to - Dark in the forepart of the evening - the girls failed in attempting to go down to Mr Parsons'. It is unnecessary to say more of this day - A reprimand about neglect of choars, harrowed up my mind in some measure.

MONDAY, OCT. 31st., A few apples gathered. Some of the business attended to. A young man named Richard
446 Waite 2d - aged 18 - of Blue-hill memory, called to see us - well mounted, appeared well in person, which surprised us - knowing his

former plight when a mere boy - his father left Blue-hill early in 1805 - moved to Black River and died there in 1812 or 13 - said he and his relations now lived in Brownsville - knew gen Brown -lived near his seat - knew Com Chauncey - said his grandfather & grmother were hale & spry.

2 O'clock P.M. a volley and field piece were discharged - expe tation was all alive to hear news. But lo, how disappointed when I came to know that the repeated discharges were for nothing more than to announce federal exultation at the appt of Isaac Tichenor Senator to Congress from Vermont. Slimpry, slimpry indeed this.

447 Pleas't day, but cold evening. Read in Sully an account of the assassination of Henry 4th King of France, May 16th 1610.

TUESDAY,Nov'r 1st Cider made for (Dr S.) ourselves and Judge Fay whose share was little more than 5 barrels - and all we made for him this season amounted to 9 barrels. Read more respect'g Sully & King Henry.

WEDNESDAY,NOV'R 2d Searching, chilly air - snow expected - Busines not weighty - at night assisted Dr Jonas about prepar'g to go to Troy with a load of paint and some apples. The ladies, Mis C'a Norton, Miss L. Harwood, Miss S. Waters, & Miss S. Stone visited Miss Nancy Watson this P.M. & Evg. No Beaux attended - too dull myself for such service. Marching to my mus'c down the lane, met two men, it being dark, enquiring the way to Peter Fos - burg's. Pownа; - put them in their right road again with necessary directions.

448 THURSDAY,Nov'r 3d Snowy & rainy ; not at all pleasant. Our new stove, which including the pipe cost 50 Dollars, was set up (with) by the assistance pf Mr Hard and Mr Duncan, whose business it was to perform the chimney wall to admit the end of the pipe into it. Mr H. likewise officiated as tinker in mending a hole in the stove boiler - he succeeded well. Mt Doty bro't Capt Ira's cattle from Wilmington. See p. 149 .

FRIDAY,NOV'R 4th Continued lowery, but not stormy. Business of no high importance. Capt H'd ill. In the evening, while I was sitting by a neighbors fire, Dr Jonas Ar'd from Troy - experience the worst jaunt he had had this Fall - said he should go but once more with a waggon. Finished 5th Vol of Sully's Memoirs. See page 237 .

449 Saturday, NOVBR 5th Mr Ellis Doty abd Mr Joseph Watson called father and me to witness a verbal agreement between them. The latter employed the former to pay debts standing against him in Wilmington, to enable him to do which he put into his hands a promissory note of 500 dollars which he held against Levi P. Goodale, given Jan'y 2d 1813 payable in money of United States currency or in Beef cattle with the usual exceptions, to be delivered at the then dwelling house of said Watson in Wilmington, with interest. Read the note, but do not recollect the time when it was to be paid. An endorsement of more than two hundred dollars was on the back of it Jarius Hall attested it, and it appears wrote it. Mr Doty promised, after paying those debts out of this note, to return the remainder into the possession of said Watson. Mr Doty crossed the Mt for home- Capt Norton received a 2 years old heifer of Ira for $20 - assisted to get it home.

450 SUNDAY, NOV'R 6th Three couples were published, Mr Harry Whitney &

Miss Malinda Godfrey, Mr Hiram Hull & Miss Nancy Hull & Mr Alpheus Taft & Miss Fanny Pratt. All were married in the evening.

Some imprudent conversation which I held with two ladies one eve ning , which they afterwards reported over their tea-table, caused me great uneasiness - not so much on account of the importance of the subject, as the shallow simplicity it discovered in me. From instances like this let us learn to be cautius, what and beforew whom we speak, lest we occasion ourselves and others much trouble, without reason, lest we precipitate ourselves into difficulties from which it is impossible to be extricated.

Vinted, early this evening gen Robinson's - borrow'd the Intelligen'r of Oct 27th - went to the printing office & obtained papers for ourselves & neighbors. When I returned, the folks were cracking butternuts.

451 MONDAY,NOV'R 7th David Ruttenboro, in E. Watsons' employ took down a partition in the kitchen (the stove rendering it useless) and set it up in the kitchen chamber. E. Waters made it Nov 1808. We finished grinding apples. To know how many barrels of cider the orchards produced - see P. 456 . Rainy day, a long E. storm raged about this time. A letter dated October 25th was received through the P.O. from Elijah Stone, Dunham, L. Canada, In health, desired his son David to come home to accompany his mother on a visit to the westward - No fear of drafting - Solicited an answer.

TUESDAY, NOV'R 8th In Dr Jonas business till past noon grinding gen Robinson's apples. Banked house P.M. Miss Ruth & Miss Lydia visited Mrs P. Waters - P.M. - Rode in the one horse waggon - Miss S. Stone came up & spent the ev'g with our ladies, tarried with them

452 Read Gov Chittenden's speech - some of which - liked - some disliked- What he said respecting the Judiciary and the War, is highly exceptionable; thought he got over the part he acted in time of the Invasion of N. York (state) in a suspicious, awkard manner, which in all probability never can be cleared up. The principles laid down by him are good.

WEDNESDAY, NOV'R 9th Sam'l Fay Esq came to buy wood of father, who told him he had none to spare - sent him to Mr Parsons - Capt Harwood's folks had a little paring-bee at which Mr Brown was present who the girls had much sport with about the same subject mentioned p. 429. Dr Jonas worked on the mountain. Mild, fine weather.

THURSDAY,NOV'R 10th Finished that business spoken of p. 113 Our meadow lands this year were manured. Capt Harwood had killed weight of grass fed beef of which
453 he sold the greater part for 5, & 5½" pr lb. Dr Jonas Fay put up with us. A gentleman and his son from Windsor (VT) had entertainment here - His name was Wheeler - had but one horse, & he so old he could not eat hay - was going to Chatham (N.Y.) to get a few sheep he owned there.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 11th Dr Jonas and Capt Harwood finished grinding apples for gen Robinson. See p. The flock was collected and brought up. Read in this days Argus the Constitution of the Albany Society "For the suppression of Vice and Immorailty", and an Address from the Board of Conn'rs which were both excellent.

SATURDAY,NOV'R 12th All turned out to aid Dr Jonas in compleating his wall which beagan on the 21st of Sept. Mr Watson, not Mr Brown, hired him - it is 25 rods long. Saw Mr Erastus Swift this morning, he came to get a cag of cider to carry to his mother at Middlebury. Capt Whipple
454 and lady ar'd from Sunderland on a visit.
Fine, warm day indeed.

SUNDAY,NOV'R 13th Capt Whipple & Lady went to Williamstown. A very serious fit of thinking engaged my thoug thoughts near the close of the day. It was thrown off by visiting the neighbors. High w'm S. wind.

MONDAY,NOV'R 14th While paring apples this evg heard Go v Pennington's most excellent message to the Legislature of N. Jersey - read.

TUESDAY,NOV'R 15th Fine day - Reapaired the wood road.

WEDNESDAY,NOV 16th Capt Ira Harwood and Widow Hinman swapt mares The former delivered to the latter a black good sized three years old mare and received for her a bay mare ~~1y~~ 12 years old with 12 dollars to boot. See p. 300
Mr John Murphy and his friend Kelly came to see us. Mr Rich passed a great many
455 Capt Wickwire visited grand-father - informed how Mr Nathan Weeks had his thigh broken a day or two before. We manured the orchard in part with chips - in the evening conveyed Miss Watson and Miss Stone in a one horse waggon to their homes. They had paid our ladies an P.M. visit.

THURSDAY, NOV'R 17 Dark, muddy & cloudy. Capt went to the Furn'e

FRIDAY,NOV'R 18th Preparations for winter - Dr Jonas notwithstanding the unfavorable ness of the weather had a lively apple-paring at which were Miss N. Watson, Miss H. Watson, Miss Stone, Mr Brown & Mr M. G. Watson. The ladies pleased themselves much with Mr Brown. It stormed so that the ladies staid all night. This storm was the beginning of Winter - continued snowing all the following day, tedious enough

456 SARURDAY,NOV'R 19th A rough snowing day from N.W. Began stabling and foddering cattle. We will now see how mu how much cider was made by ourselves & others at our press this season.

	Bbls.
Benjamin Harwood	56
David Robinson	39½
Watson & Brown	55
Dr N. Swift	21½
Saxton Squire	13
David Fay	9
Noah Downs for Mrs Hinm'n .	8½
Thos C Parsons	6

There were carried to Atwood's still 13 barrels 4 gall's cider by us this year. In paym't receiv gallons brandy
457 Cider sold at $2 per barrel at the press. The average quantity of apples to a barrel was between 9 & 10 bushels. It was thought cider this season was richer than usual - a scarce article in the

country the present year.

SUNDAY, NOV'R 20th Miss Lydia read parts of this Journal, which I sat & heard - ready to correct blunders.
Perused Henry the 4th Grand Design - rather dry. A short time at T.H.C's Indolently spent part of the evening at Capt Ira's - improved the remainder reading Bigland's view of Persian History, but the pleasure arising from reading is greatly dimonished if the mind goes astray as much as mine does, frequently when engaged with a book.

MONDAY,NOV'R 21st A kind of running day among us. Capt Ira with his friend T.C.Parsons went to Hinsdills Fac'y
458 They went in a cutter, but the snow left them & a part of their route was performed on horse-back. Father had to go post-haste to the Furnace to buy a new boiler, to the stove. The ladies having destroyed the other by piring in cold water when it was hot and almost empty - it cost $2.40 including the price of the old one which weigh'd 40 lb - for which they allowed 1/100 pr lb.
P.M. sawed wood - Ev'g read N.Y.Col'n of Nov 12 - much said in foreign papers about the negociations at Ghent - something respecting Bonapartte &c. Read Carnlysses mad career in Big'd. Dr Jonas sold his horse including bridle for 81 dollars to Clark & French - payable within 90 days.

TUESDAY,NOV'R 22nd Mr Post dry-good pedlar and a Mr Robins whom I knew in Col Martindale's Reg't 1812 called here this P.M. - had some conversation with the latter,who came pedling pewter. We were getting out
459 wheat for Thanksgiving although the Proclamation for it had not yet reached us. Mild, but horrid travelling.

WEDNESDAY,NOV'R 23d One of the swine was dispatched - capt Harwood head-buthsher - weighed 265. An errand called me to Swifts' and Hyde's - Went to the Post Office - inspected some good books there - saw Charles Jecks,Taylor - said something respecting some writing-paper, to Wm Haswell - Rode to mill - made a mistake in getting my grist which occasioned me a trip cross lots, after I returned home, to rectify it, which was done in haste - night drew near - called a mom't at T.C's - nobody within but his hired girl, with whom had some chit-chat. In the eve'g while Miss Lydia was breaking wool read Plutarch's Life.
460 Wrote a letter to Miss C.Norton which in spirit was similar to remarks made P. 439 Dismal roads - dismal weather.

THURSDAY,NOV'R 24th Cold day - worked in the barn getting out wheat Perused Bigl'd & Plut'h

FRIDAY,NOV'R 25th Cider mill & appendages laid up for Winter. Measured up the last threshing of winter wheat which was near 30 bushels and all that was raised this year amt'd to almost 70 bshls. Our garden produced tolerably well, in all kinds of vegetables common thereto, broom corn inclusive. But cabbage were mean indeed - there being but two heads among more than loo plants.

A visit was made at Mr Watson's this evening to feast on Mr Browns' apples - with which he was indeed generous. Had to use some persuasion to induce Miss S. to join the company, she wanted
461 to go, very much,but could not spare time - she bound a pair of shoes & tunnel out - A pedlar of Maps & pictures from Connecticut

was invited into the room, and when a song was solicited, he, with some apologies about having a bad cold, sang one or more but his pronumviation being extremely broad and his voice ordinary, his performance rather excited disgust than pleasure. Soon after he withdrew, and, Miss Watson, being entreated 'till ashamed, obliged the company with first rate singing - a voice clear, solid, & capable to beinding to any variation of tone, & a most lucid pronumciation, could not but give the highest degree of pleasure to her hearers.

We experienced treatment in every respect polite & proper but suffered considerably from cold - one door being incessantly open to drive the smoke up chimney. Came away past 10. Bright moon, but extremely cold

462 SATURDAY,NOV'R 20th Bought of the pedlar above mentioned a Map of Europe for 75"- & Lists of American & British Navies, 1813, for 12½. Business in pieces. A new ladder for the house roof was raised. Fine day. Drily read Plutarch's Theseus at night.

SUNDAY,NOV'R 27th But illy pleased perus'g the Life of Thes's. Wrote a reply to H.A.Fay's letter of Huly 7th (see p. 336) - Supposed he'd put me among the Put-offs, but tho't it was "better late than never" - expressed great satisfaction in perusing his last letter - thanked him for the instruction and honest advise - told him I was not so much inclined to Philospohical discourse as he took me to be - that I had long since found it would not do, even if I had ability to conduct it, in certain companies. (If I did not make that exception about abilities in the letter,it should have been done) .

463 That something of quite a different nature was requisite to please &c - had paid no attention to two characters named in his letter - on one of which I made a few remarks - going to show my impressions as to endowments. Closed this psrt by telling him what may be seen p . Ventured to broach a certain subject, in writing to him which I would not, if he had not known me from my infancy, and were not now placed at such a distance from me; so that what I might say could not be talked back again - Informed him I had heard of his having been very ill. prayed the Almighty, if it pleased him, that he might recover. Likened his case to Job's, but not in every particular - Informed him that in health we were as usual - His father had been in town some days - left "Mother spinning" - General time of health here, a circumstance very favorable as Dr S. had to be absent at Montpelier a few days

464 administering such doses as could better be named by him than me,to purge the Body Politic. Made remarks on the Legislature, Gave them credit for not joining the N. England confederacy - complimented him for his remks on War & Pol's. A summary review of Militsry & Naval events follows. Richard Waite 2d, a scholar of his formerly, was mentioned with his method of spelling the word "Tidings" which was thus ; "T i,Tih,d i o ings, dings - Tidings" See p. 445 botm) Gave an account of Dr Jonas since he last wrote me. Asked him to de - scribe his station, which was the closing article of the letter.

Marched to friend Parsons - had my hair shingled off - commenced writing to N. Stone, Lower Canada.

MONDAY, NOV'R 28th A few cart-loads of wood from the grove which surrounds the cold spring were drawn . A vener able elm standing on the bank

465 by which the brook flowed till the freshet of Aug 28th, near a black cherry tree. No wood had been drawn home since spring since which

capt Harwood's pile was reduced 11 cords, that of ours 12. See p 210
Dry & cold. Small flurry of snow on the 3d.

TUESDAY,NOV'R 29th A letter came from Capt Asa Doty p Aur'a Village, N.Y. to father informing that himself & family were in health, had had but little sickness since living in that coun try - A son and daughter had been added to the family - the former they named Benj'n Harwood, out of respect to father. Intended moving into the upr pt of Ohio in January - Wanted a letter from us previous to his departure. I also received one from Mrs Waters,conceived in usual terms - I shall not be at the trouble of reviewing it.
Cut wood and near the close of the day assisted in taking fowls for Thanksgiving feast.

466 Early in the evening spent an hour at Mr P's conversing with Mr Nathan Eldred & lady. He said he had a very likely calf at home which he expected would die of the Black-leg, a disorder which he said was occasioned by stagnation in the blood, mortification following of course. Those calves which were in the highest order were most subject to it because there was a greater redundancy of blood in them.
Talked with him about Col Sam'l Robinson, which brought many events of the Revolutionary War into notice - Likewise the names of some of the opposers of that war whom he considered in a light not much darker than those of the pres't day. See May 5th 1813 p 7
Read newspapers, Plutarch & Sully.

WEDNESDAY,NOV'R 30th Drew a load of wood for Mr Batt
467 from gen Robinson's woods below Parsons' - drew another for ourselves. Stept down to T.C's in the evening to hear from Isaac & David Stone at the Falls, whither he & his lady had been on bus's. I meant to write by them to have those gent come and spend Thanksgiving with us & send them their father's letter - recd 7th inst - but missed the chance by not knowing of their go'g. Mr P. saw Isaac, told him in substance what I wanted to write. Is'c said he & his brother would come to see us Thurs'y or Sunday. Came home and wrote a reply to A. Doty's letter noticed p. 465 Returned fathers thanks for his naming his son for him - gave him other information respecting his brothers &c - asked him to give us information about his brother Jona. & the coun
468 try to which he was going. Much more I wrote but think it unnecessary to notice it further. There came a harsh storm of rain & hail from the E.

THURSDAY,DEC'R 1st Thanksgiving. Spent the day much as if it had been Sunday. Had no scheme of pleasure in anticipation - felt great indifférence in regard to all calculations of that nature. There were no persons present at supper but the families of the two houses who in numb'r am'd to 13 souls. Grandfather would not preside, but ate alone by himself. Catherine, Capt Ira's eldest daughter was indisposed, could come to the table. Miss Ruth Harwood, Miss S. Waters and Miss F. Leonard were present - the evening was spent in Capt Harwood's north room. Miss N. Watson & Miss S. Stone came from abr'd
469 Mr Brown & Dr Jonas were two fine beaux - Cards, dancing & plays succeed each other. Mr B. acquitted himself badly at dancing - in the plays, he caused much merriment in the comp'y. We called the doings of this eve'g a great Ball - I was fiddler - bore down pretty hard on Mr Brown's flute which sounded very well - if may say it During a part of this scene my spirits were considerably elevated, but most of the time I could not keep my thoughts from serious reflections.

The fleetness of our days and the uncertainties of our existence were almost constantly in view - could paint futurity in no flatter ing colours. This train of thought did not, however, produce much uneasiness, but I would be rather gloomy.
The E. storm continued. Wind blew high in the night.

470 FRIDAY, DEC'R 2d Finished a letter to Nath'l Stone, Dunham, L. Canada - see p. 344 - thanking him for his handsome letter of June 25th Congratulated him on being restored to his family & friends - informed him of having received his father's letter of Oct. 25 - that we were in health & what I knew respecting his brothers, as stated p. 467. Invited him, or any of his people if they came within calling distance to be sure to pay us a visit. Further, this letter needs no remarks. Another short one I wrote, this morning, to my cousin Clark A. Harwood, Butternuts, N. York - Apologized for so long neglecting to write him - the remainder related to cousin Ruth's affairs, making him acquainted with the preparations she had in train to go in the Winter to live with him.
An answer respecting this business was earn
471 requested. Mother & Lydia enclosed their compliments, soliciting him, if in his power to bring his Mother and youngest sister along with him when he should come to carry away Ruth - The above letters & that to Capt A. Doty I carried to the P.O about mid-day - Walked in company with Hiram House - Visited no places but that ()ffice) & Swift's & Hyde's store - our stay was short - Passing McEowen's on our return, saw Mr John Murphy with a few companions from the Furnace, which had just blown out, - asked him to go home with me; he could not then, but would come down as soon as he could, as in fact he did in the evening. Continued with my companion till within a short distance of Tan-brook, when he left me & went on home. It seems for rea sons best known to himself, he would not join his comrades in
472 in a Ball at the Algerine Academy this P.M. In a vein of waggery wish ed his friend Bliss Loomis would over-set his chaise with his lady in it; which would have been a piteous sight, as it was horribly muddy - he however, took off the edge, by saying, he hoped no injury might ensue. Spent the P.M. in Tan-brook - saw pass that station, in one horse waggons, Miss M.G.Watson with Miss D.Harwood & J.Rogers with Miss H Watson, on their way to the Algerine Ball. Began a letter to Miss Mrs Anne Waters. See p. 473 Took supper at this place - & in the evg with all the young & old craft of the neighborhood went to Mr West's where a few hours were passed away in a very pleasing & civil manner. Mr Perry & his lady were present. Began to freeze in the the evening.

473 SATURDAY, DEC'R 3d All hands employed in turning the uppr brook, the old channel of which having become so choaked up with gravel as to soak thro' and injure the land north of it; by turning it another course, this difficulty was remedied. Mr Murphy spent the day with us, as did Miss L. House the P.M. & night. Clos'd my letter to Widow Waters. Mr B's dancing, and other light occurrences made up the contents - this answers hers - p. 465. Thanksgiving working heavily upon me retired early to rest. Cold freezy weather.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 4th Snowed in the morning; no sleighing followd. Miss House tarried till near evening - she read some passages in this Journl, particularly that which is inserted p.349
474 Miss 'Damia made a profuse display of my old newspapers, in which many sentimental pieces of poetry were found, with some few nov'ls. We all participated the amus't they afforded. I copied, for cousin Ruth, a most excellent piece entitled "Midnight Musings".
The P.M. & eve'g devoted to writing.

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MONDAY, DEC&R 5th Our friend John Murphy (after taking a note of my father for 49 dollars, the value received being a cook stove at 45 dollars and some smaller articles) went back to the Furnace, intending to settle his affairs there preparatory to his go-going to Albany. Father's note was not to become due until the ex piration of 12 months from the 1st of Nov'r 1814, with interest. My fath'r & Dr Jonas cut butternut wood & I sleded it home on some snow & a good deal of bare ground

475 Capt Ira was ill. Mr Oliver Whipple & his lady called as they were return'g home from visiting their friends in Pownal. Mrs W. very unwell from a dropsical complaint.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 6th Had a cruel tooth-ache more than an hour in the morning, that, over: pursued drawing butternut without molestation all day. Visited that house alluded to p.459 - found the ladies fill'g sausag's. Read the story of St Herbert in the World of March 1808 - a few pages of Plutarch & the answer to gov'r C's speech, likewise Griswold's substitute which he offered, setting forth the plain truth, which was rejected by a majority exceeding 20 votes. Very cold & dry. N.W. winds

476 WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 7th Dry & cold. Still drawing up Butternut. Capt Harwood ground him a new axe.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 8th Compleated the business of drawing butternut ~~wood~~ wood, of which we had raised a majestic pile. It grew around where I said I got that elm & other wood. P.464 & since the rememberance of my father too. Mrs Perry & Mary West came here on an P.M. visit, tarried in the evg when Mr Watson & Mr Parsons were present with their ladies. I was at a neighbor's house, reading a novel to a young lady, when not interrupted by the tooth-ache, from which I suffered much. It lasted me as much as three hours.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 9th The cold arrived at its highest pitch for
478 this cold snap. Culled poetry, in the A.M. from old papers - P.M. (growing warmer) assisted Capt Ira in threshing rye It was not so cold but that ladies walked abroad, for Miss Watson came down on an errand late in the morning, while I was looking over the papers. Father visited his neighbors - paid Mr Priket if I mistake not, $30 towards the obligation he signed in May (see P. 273) Dr Jonas had no other employment than waiting upon Miss Ruth, Miss Lydia and Miss Sophia, in a high cold waggon down to Mr J. House's - went away at 3 - came back at 12, bringing with them Mr Joshua Gates who had very lately arrived from Warren, N.Y. It is not for me to say in this place why this gentleman awakened me about 4 in the morning - Surely it was not
478 was not thro' any wicked design - no, no - it was only accidental - time does not permit me to say more about it.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 9th Capt Ira & I finished threshing rye. Gen Gates & Dr Jonas took an airing together. Rather a vacant evg. Read Plutarch's Lycurgus (what part of it I improved).

SUNDAY, DEC'R 11th Arose earlier than usual, attended closely to the usual employment on Sundays. Continued writing until eleven at night.

MONDAY, DEC'R 12th Three swine were butchered - with that killed Nov 23d, makes a total of lbs 1150 of pork
479 the heaviest weighed 335 - the lightest 253. Mr Saml C. Robinson & Dr

Jonas assisted. We had a weighing match after butchering was over. Father, being in his 53d year, weighed to 163, Dr Jonas in his 42nd came up to 158, Mr R. aged 40, & Capt Ira, aged 31 pulled dom down to 151 each, Mr Judd, perhaps 35 or 36, went no higher than 140 & I to 153. The ladies participated in the business, but I pass them over in silence except Miss Sophia Waters, who weighed 146 - in the 22d year of her age. It was chilly & blustering from the Sth.

Early in the evg, forgetting that I might be wanted in the house heedlessly strolled down the lane & up the main road half way to Mr Watson's; faced
480 about & marched home - was informed that my services had been much desired, consequently, angry words attend about me - Nothing injurious ensued - Assisted about salting the pork and, the house being composed, sat down in the kitchen with Mr Sardun, our Sch Preceptor, & the ladies, intending to peruse Plutarch's Numa, but my friend Capt Ira coming in, began a conversation with Mr S. which soon became political, to which I became a party. Capt I. in a little time went home, leaving the field of action to Mr S & me, which was warmly contested, with some intervals, 'till going to bed. Our shot I dont think was heavy, nor was it thrown to a great distance. It may easily be guessed of what material our
481 munitions were composed, therefore I shall not attempt a descrip tion of the affair, with the exception of a single particular; Mr S. said he was glad when the enemy took Washington City & hoped or wished they would visit it again. With all his federal zeal, this gent'n claimed much higher respect from me than if he had acted the "Quid".

This morning Mr John Murphy departed hence for Albany. Father hired one hundred dollars of him for one year at 9 per cent - gave him a note for 109 dollars due one year from this day I signed it with him - The first note I ever signed.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 13th Only sawed a quantity of wood for the stove- the weather being pretty blustering & cold
482 they all, including Mr Sardam, at night, visited Mr Perry & lady; was solicited to go, but would not, because no pleasure presented itself therein. Mr John Hinman was there. It must be mentioned that those people resided with Mrs H. Read Cobbett on American Affairs - good - No writer in the Eng'h language goes before him in sarcasm.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 14th Drew a crow's nest load of wood for Mr Bott Capt Ira butshered two insignificant hogs for him. Called at Parsons' shop - Mr Safford Robinson brought hither a hide & quarter of beef, of which the latter I assisted to weigh. Mr R. was full of his drollery. Six in the evg wrote a short letter to Mr Norman Judd, Rome, N.Y. which was only intended to give a slight sketch of some
483 matters respecting capt Norton's family & our own. Carried it to Mr West's, in whose hands it was left to be given to John Hinman who shortly expected to return to Utica. Staid 2 hours playing on the flute for our friend Mary. Mr Saxton Picket was paid in full - the whole am't being 78 dollars & about 60 cents. P 478,273

THURSDAY, DEC'R 15th Worked with father & Dr Jonas drawing out, and collecting together old wood, in thw woods. A small load was sent by Capt Ira to Col Norton. At night when the capt brought his lady & sister-in-law from visiting at Mr J.

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Hursts he proceeded with the former, Mr Parsons & lady to Mr L. Loomis', where they staid 'till past 11. Read the "Horrors of a Monastery" p 476 - Dec 8th Mild, still wr

484 FRIDAY, DEC'R 16th Joined strength with father & capt threshing oats. Mr John Harwood came to make up our winter stock of shoes. Mr Sardam obligingly united with me in reading Plutarch - Numa & Lycurgus compared - Life of Solon,Lawgiver of Athens. Snowed & rained.

SATURDAY,DEC'$ 17 Brought the business of threshing oats to a conclusion. Dry, with northern gusts. Mr Sardam and I again passed the evening with Plutarch - read Pub licola, a noble Roman character. Saw some of Mr S8s writing, & put him to reading my Journal with which he managed rsther coarse ly.

485 SUNDAY,DEC'R 18th Not much writing on hand, more time to read. Plutarch's Themistocles claimed my attention. Mr Sardam left us - Early in the evening waited upon gen Gates to capt Ira's. Mild weather.

MONDAY,DEC'R 19th Some courage was taken, from the moderate fall of snow which came today, that we should get sleighing, but it was a delusive hope. Only sawed and cut a quantity of wood for the stove - At night Dr Jonas read a piece from the able pen of Cobbett.

TUESDAY,DEC'r 20th A colder morning had not been seen this season. Assisted Capt Ira to get a load of wood,likewise Dr Jonas in getting
486 another for Mr Parsons. The latter gent'n & Capt Harwood with their ladies visited at Mr Eldred's, pownal,P.M. and part of the evg. A calculation was made to pay Miss Stone a visit, but a request being sent by Miss Watson to have us pay our respects to her & her brother Johnson, who had lately arrived from Sunderland, Mass. whence it was said he would set out on his return the next day, caused a change of destination. Went down to acquaint Miss S. therewith - circumstances were such that she could not go - Mr Gates came in at the time I did - invited him home - he readily accompanied me. The ladies I found disagreed about going to Mr Ws and therefore supposed it had fall'n through - crammed my pockets
487 determing to follow my own inclination, let the rest go where they would - called a mom't at Mr P's. G.M.Watson & J.Rogers were for preparing to attend a juncket at Loomis' - the former said his brother & sister would be greatly disapp'd if we did not go. Pro ceeded to Mr West's, talked there an hour or two. Returned to Mr P's, where I intended to pass the remainder of the evg read'g but found Dr Jonas, gen Gates, Jesse Loomis & Cousin Ruth playing cards. Made a short tarry - Came home and immediatelt rigged, marched with Lydia to Mr Watson's, & with Mr Brown made a most sat isfactory visit. Mr J.W. said but little. Miss N. as was always the case, was sociable, gay & pleasing. All hands came home before 12.

488 WEDNESDAY,DEC'R 21st Another load of wood drawn for Mr Bott. Put off the duds, made ready to march to town just when Mr Elijah Smedley drove up. Hurried off without waiting to see who he brought in company - came in a sleigh, although sleighing from Williamstown hence, & north'd to Arlington was extremely

rough - thence to Hinesburgh, to which place he was bound, it was said to be good. Staid a good while at the printing office, bo't 2 dozen newspapers for common use, at 10". Popped into the Court chambers - saw capt. D. Robinson - followed him out - asked him for "The Wild Irish Girl" - had lent it, to whom he knew not. Returned Reid's works to J.P.Robinson and borrowed Russell's Mad'n Eup 3d V - see p. 73 .

489 DrvJonas came from town to Watson's with me - was met and accosted by his old friend Ashbel Noble of Pownal,respecting a widow at his father's inviting him earnestly to call. Called at Mr P's - invited Miss S. to our house, this evg, if, as we expected, Mr J.Watson & hissister, Nancy, came down, but she answered in the negative. I insisted on her coming.

THURSDAY,DEC'R 22d Occasion called me, this morning, to Mr Watson Requested Mess J.Watson, G. Swift & Miss Nancy to favor us with their company in the evg - they promised to do so- The business of the day was winnowing & carrying in 41 bush'l of oats - Leisure offering in the P.M. walked to friend P's - chatted with Mrs P. & Miss S. - cleared up some difficulties- not difficulties, but doubts

490 this~~m~~ , however, was no great task - again invited Miss S. up - she still refused. Between 5 & _ in the evg prepared to receive company Waited impatiently, but they not appearing, took a trip down the lane - met them -went on to Mr P's - requested Miss S. Toattend at our house - without saying one word in compliance, she set about getting ready - and soon came with me to this jovial convention. It was indeed a lively, cheering meetingm Mr Brown being present, whose conversation & behaviour highly entertained the ladies. U.M. Robinson was likewise on the carpet. Mr Johnson Watson was silent but active in play, behaved courteously, in stature, middling, complexion light, hair inclining to red. Mr Girdon Swift (of Wilming-

491 ton) csrried himself erect, altho' unusually tall, said but little, appeared to be a gentleman of respectability - invited these gentlemen, if convenient, to visit me again - they said they would & returned the compliment. At ten the companymretired. Mild & rather thawy.

FRIDAY, DEC'r 23d Wherked in the woods where it was (where it was) rough doings. Too much of the evg was thrown away playing the flute - Read part of the life of Camillus & had a dish of small-talk, as was common, with the ladies. To please father, perused Cobbett on what he C. erroneously stiles Chippeway Battle, but which should have been Bridge Water Battle. p 488 spoke of Mr Smedley's calling upon us - they told me that he

492 had with him his neice Irene S., as well as his lady - the former an active good looking person - aged perhaps 24.

SATURDAY,DEC'R 24th Again in the woods with two teams - Capt Ira with us. We worked in Co. with Mr Judd, but effected but little, the wood being in rough,ugly places from which it was hard hauling it, & what was worse there was no concert among us - one could not tell what was another's scheme, which occasioned lost time. The fox (hunters) huntsmen with their hounds were out.

It snowed slightly most of the day as it had done the week past, but the sleighing was benefitted very little by it. Was well pleased at night to find my cousins, David & Isaac Stone at our house - it was amusing to hear the latter discourse on politics, with salutary Democratic checks from his broth'r

493 Felt fatigued, but wrote nearly all the evg in an uneasy posture. Dr

Jonas read the Const'n of the U.S. for couis Isaac to find a clause limiting the service of the Militia to six months - in vain was their search. Cousin Ruth was ill.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 Went with my cousins to Mr Duncan's - found them well, but cold, as indeed it was anywhere that day, except in a warm house. Mr D. was making a coffin for an infant that had died in the neighborhood. Employed my time in perusing the life of Pericles. Took supper &, in order to see Wm Duncan, walked over to Mr N. Eldred's - the old gentl'n was sitting by himself (his lady being at Church)

494 over a low fire - but he soon mustered up, renewed his fire, seated us (&) and gave us a dram of brandy, as well as some very good cider We discours'd with him till the return of his lady, who come home much displeased with the preaching - Amos Potter Esq being preacher- She invited me to bring up the ladies to pay her a visit, I promised I would. Our stay was short - called on Mr D., & then, it being a little past sun-set, we ran for home, which we soon gained, making a moment's call at Parsons' to borrow the News' Letter for cousin Isaac. It was indeed very cold - We would not consent to let our cousins depart - they staid all night - They saw Wm D. at Eldred's after his lady got home.

495 MONDAY, DEC'R 26th An extreme cold morning - cousins David & Isaac left us - the former paid father $3 for his brother Nathaniel - who received it of him when marching thro' this place - p. 104 -had his circumstances been prosperous he would not have exact it - I had an itching desire to go to town - did nothing in the morning - grew warmer - P.M. which allowed no excuse for idle ness - still I wished to do, a certain man opposed it - an errand or two was hatched up, & I made off - executed them in haste - coming home borrowed Judge Fay's violin - staid awhile to tell & play for Aunt Hannah & 'Liffy - from the J's came to Dr Swift's office - had to play for

496 Dr Wright & friend Heman - the former undertook to carry of a blemish on my under-lip - the stuff he put on gave me great pain two or three hours - but, it did the work in a few hours. Brought home the fiddle and spent the evening at Mr Parsons' - Sister Lydia, Fanny Leonard & Nancy W. were there - no beaux, but me & Dr Jonas - the chief amus'mtw was playing at cards, in which I participated, tho' a novice in the art. I (had) feltvery little emulation in the games, but in spite of this apathy, those pictures hauunted my imagination a good many hours after wards. If I, who knew so little about them, was so harassed therewith in spirit, what must be the state of the minds of those who are adepts ~~yh~~ in the art & practice this mode of recreation to excess ?

497 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 At night, having yielded the flail all day, went to Dr Swift's office - conversed with Dr Wright & friend Heman about Henry the G't of France & the present state of Society. Came home at 7, & compleated reading the Life of Pericles, which ends the 1st Vol of Plutarch's Lives. Pericles was certainly a great man. An affecting instance of his attempts to stifle his natural feelings occurs near the close of the account of his life, when death robbed him of his youngest, & only surviving son, which caused him to lay down the Philophyr and assume the man of sorrow.

Fiddling robbed me of some valuable moments, which I may want another day. Mild weather.

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WEDNESDAY,DEC'R 28th Commenced treading wheat along with Capt Ira - Father had business in town - attended Court - Our cousins, Abel & Joseph Harwood, & their ladies came to see us. Capt S. attended to them, and I drew a load of wood to keep uncle batt's folks from freezing to death. These cousins being much older than I - took fiddle & book - with sister 'Damia, went to Mr Parsons -,staid till past 9 o'clock - Miss Stone was quite indisposed with thenteeth ache, It was this evg, not Tuesday evg,that I finished reading Plutarch 1st Vol See remarks p. 497.

Dr Jonas bought him a middle sized horse, color black, white feet, for 72 dollars. (See p. 273)

499 THURSDAY,DEC'R 29th Father kept me on the threshing floor. Dr Jonas, Capt Ira & lady went to pay pay a friendly visit to Mr Sam'l Robinson's& family - Passed away a very agreeable evening with Sister Lydia in the kitchen reading certain parts of Russell's Modern Europe, which relate to Henry IV of France, Queen Elizabeth,& James 1st of England - Besides talked in a manner very frank & friend ly on affairs touching domestic concerns.

FRIDAY, DED'R 30th Dr Jonas made active preparation for his Colerain visit - Providence smiled propitious on his undertaking, in sending a thin coat of snow, which while it was coming descended in a hurry - at least it seemed so. Arrived at night, late
500 from Rush, Pa.,my old friend, N.R.Locke, in health. Hus brother Edmund came & ballanced a small account against him. Perused Chittenden's Papers respecting the Plattsburgh affair. Capt Reid's account of the loss the Privateer Gen Armstrong - It reflects great disgrace on the captors and imperishable glory on the brave defenders. Likewise read Gov Snyder's Message to the Legislature of Pennsylvania.

SATURDAY,DEC'R 31st Brought in near 30 bushels spring wheat - all the English we had remaining to thresh - Cousin Ruth & Lydia attended a quilting at Mr Sam'l Robinson's - Widow T. Rice was carried home - Dr Jonas hired into the house to make him a great coat, came down on Monday. Sphie Waters returned from a job at Mr R's. Mr Locke gallanted the ladies. A cow was butcherd weighing 743. Dr Jonas set out in stile for Colerain.

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SUNDAY, JAN'Y 1st 1815 The sun arose unobscured - the air was soft, mild
501 & salubrious - in every respect this day resembled Spring - a quality that will long render it memorable. Snow thin, waggoning good. - sleighing out of the question, but on highlands and places at some distance N. & W. of this. Father with his two daughters rode in a waggon to meeting; Mr Marsh, they said, pointed out faults without apology or palliation. They further informed that Mr Levi Jewett was published to Miss Laura Perry of Woodford. Mr Elijah Greenslet, aed 23 or 24, to Miss Jenny Barney, aed 42. Writing engrossed my chief attention, but spared a few moments to examine the correspondence at Ghent. When these
502 labors were disposed of, made preparations for attending to other concerns. Early in the evening, being nearly ready to leave the house, nobody within but Mother and Grandfather, a beggarly looking old man came in, apparently intoxicated, jabbering over a few lines of poetry, saying, his name was Wm Ray - 50 yrs of age - had a wife, children and grand-children living in Sunderland &c. - complained of being thirsty & asked for cider, which was given him on condition that that he would immediately depart, to which he promptly agreed. After drinking his cider, with my assistance, he made off - said he was going to Nine Partners- He did not betray a disposition naturally vicious - rather excited pity than hatred. May I be permitted to say that this evening suited me extremely well ? Is this a prudent question ?

503 MONDAY, JAN'Y 2d Capt Ira went peddling beef - 146 lb carried to Mr Harwood, our late shoe-maker - 156 lb ro Col Norton, blacksmith in Algiers - sold at $6 per cwt - Business nowise important - a bridge was laid across the "Middle Dry Brook" - some wood brought home. Gen Robinson's team was employed waggoning home wood. At night Mr West had a little entertainment, to which he invited his near neighbors - most of them attended - this, in some degree, interfered, though but slightly, with out "Ball" at Capt Ira's - But trifles never hinder great & splendid undertakings - the ladies
504 were collected ii due season. This was not thought so regular & lively a Ball as that of Dec. 1st. - more card-playing & other amusements were inter-mixed - nearly the same persons, including Mr Brown, attended - Dr Jonas was absent, but his place was amply filled by Mr Locke, who came all the way from Algiers to join it. I think, for my own part, that my mind was better composed and more susceptible of the gayer feelings, than at the former ball, altho' a little exertion was necessary at times to beat of an unreasonable heaviness, the cause of which I have not time to explain. Gallanted Miss Watson & Miss Stone to their abodes. Warm weather - very muddy. Mr Locke staid with me.

505 Tuesday, Jan'y 3d Business dull. Prepared for snow, which began to fall early in the P.M. but amountd to noth'g imp't. Continued examining the Documents from Ghent - was never more enraputured with any State Papers than with the answers of the American to the British Commissioners, In the evg was highly pleased; my passions were enthusiastically wrought upon in reading the mighty deeds of Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden - more particularly the Great Battle of Lutzen, where his magnanimity & cruel fate must excite admination & sympathy in the bosom of the most insensible - Russell is an eminent Historian.

506 WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 4th Continued bad stirring - the small additional snow lately fallen caused sleighs to move, although sleighing was but nominal. Business remained dull, & I was

smitten with a guilty conscience. Received of Moses Atwood by the hand of Capt Ira 24 G. I qt Cider Brandy, for cider carried to his Still in the fall. P.M. went to Mr West's & brought home our papers - Columbian, Demo'c Press and the G.M.Farmer. Read the speech of Mr Wm Irving of the H. of R. US on the Bill for raising 80,000 Militia which was in a style truly American.
Pursued Russell through many important labyrinths historical - Had a swollen cheek - caused no pain.

507 THURSDAY, JAN'Y 5th Assisted the children to get to school, on horse back. Darius Clark came with his brothers from Pittsfield, who bought a barrel of cider - price $3. Mess Joseph & Reuben Bush came to see us - the former from Hopkinton - Said Dr Hop kin's family were in health except Mrs H. who had a violent attack of a nervous complaint, just before he came away - was thought to be getting some better, the last he knew of her - Our relations and friends generally doing well ; but it was more sickly at present than he had ever known it before - still, there were not a great many cases. He brought the first certain intelligence to my mother of the death of her brother Noble Dewey which happened near S's Harbor Autumn 1813.

508 Another load of wood was drawn for Mr Batt - snowed in the evening from which we vainly expected sleighing. Gen Gates came up & sat with the ladies at Capt Ira's - Paid strict attention to Russell Europe - Capt Ira with his lady & Miss Leonard were on a visit - returned late in the evening & brought me two letters. The one from Norman Judd, Rome, N.Y. - the other from J. Murphy,Albany.
The former proceeds as follows -

Rome,Oneida,State N.Y. 28th Dec'r

Friend Hiram - I received your letter of the 4th inst in which were many things new to me, such as I always predicted would,eventually,hp
509 happen - that girls do get married - and that Capt Ira hath children born unto him is what we must (expect). Remember me to Ira, tell him if he comes within five hundred miles of here, to call and see me. I did not know that there was such a place as Attica until since I received your letter. My family are well. We make Earthern ware fast - have burned 8 kilns since the 1st of last May - amtg to $1500 Ware is here ready cash. It is now 8 o'clock at night, I have just done turning bowls - I rest across my mould-bench while writing - no wonder if I do make wild shots - Remember me to my uncles family. Tell John, if he labors for his saving, I want him to work with me - as he is some acquainted with this business, I can afford to pay him good wages - I have been looking for sometime for a line from Luman,
510 but it does not come. You have made some improvement since I saw you last. Will you please to write back to me, as soon as I have to you? I remain, Your friend

Mr Hiram Harwood N. Judd

That from my friend Murphy stated that he was "well at present" Hoped my "Honor" was well also. Would have wrote sooner, but had been busily employed in the Union Furnace - Great noise about Christmas (Dated it 25th) - should attend a ball at McEverell's - Lion,So Albany - Didn't know what to do for a partner - the girls were scarce and pretty plenty too - wished the Doctor (Jonas) was there - had eyes out a widow for him to gallant,but said he
511 "I must look out for myself" - As for the ladies in Bennington - liked them much better than he does those in Albany - "good reason why" added he. Supposed I should think it a curious subject - would not weary me much longer with it - Wanted an answer - requested to know when the Capt would go to the westward, hoped he would call and see

him in passing through the city - directed where to find him - Sent his compliments to all the family, & enclosed a letter to sister Lydia which occasioned great agitation among the ladies.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 6rh A keen day - went with Capt Ira, took a load of wood from the stump, drew it to the school house
512 & meant to cut it up, but owing to the refractory nature of the wood we did not finish it. Visited Mr Fay's fire a few times to warm - the first time, (Mr Seth Palmer & a Mr Dimmick with their ladies, sisters of Mrs F's being on a visit) they had apples & cider, eating & drinking - of the latter they gave us to drink, but, notwithstandin our tarry lasted 15 minutes no apples were handed us. Miss Fairbanks whose business appeared to be, whenregular, in the loom - told me she wound her own quills & wove, the preceding day, upward of 6 yards Liked weaving better than other kinds of work - because she seemed to be gaining something by it. Mr Brown came over in the evening to have me go with him to Capt Norton's - but it was so cold I declined - put over till a better opportunity. Coming from the school house Capt Ira & I called at Capt N's - they gave us some excellent cider- we
513 drank freely of it too - Told them about Judd's letter - Friend John was abroad on business - Capt Hill & lady were there visiting - Besides reading Russell concerning the 30 years War in Germany, wrote friend Judd a reply to his letter received on the 5th - He has my hearty thanks for it - has my approbation as a writer of letters, because he proceeds in such an unborrowed style. Found but one fault with his last, which was that of its brevity, but excused him as being a man of business. Mr L. Jewett's publishment comes next, his lady is described, from the best authorities - weight 185 lb - understood how to nurse young calves, lambs &c. and something of hubbandry too - Said nothing disrespectful of her - Acquainted him with Columbus J. Bowdish's marriage to Miss Ruth Smith - likewise that pub
514 lishment recorded, next following Mr J's on the 1st inst. Asked him if ever he had received my letter of Jan'y 21st 1814 - Excused friend Luman for not writing, because he had written since he had - presumed it must have miscarried - he was at this time on a visit at Adams,M Mass. Wrote that they were making ware, of both kinds, stone & clay, very fast - that they were in health - that it was impossible for capt Ira to visit him - he would if he could with pleasure - Presented him compliments as usual, with which, in common form,it ends.

SATURDAY,JAN'Y 7th Pinching cold morning, but soon moderated down became a mild day. Cleared out the stove-pipe which had become badly clogged.
515 Father threshed for Mr Judd at Mr F. Jewett's Capt Ira & I visitd the woods. Scrached a line to John Murphy which was an echo to his letter of the 25th ult - Wished him many good wishes - requested a visit from him in the course of the Winter. Proposed to mysel to carry this & that to Mr Judd, to the office this evg but could not quit the fireside so long. The evening was happily enjoyed, perusing Russell's at that house mentioned p. 459; Capt Ira & friend Jonathan several games of chess - lodged with the latter gentleman.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 8th Felt a freat dislike for writing - in spite of that - put together a short letter to Esquire Hopkins' lady, one of my aunts, just to
516 give notice that we were in health, & to express our anxiety for her recovery - to hear from our relations there & to know how uncle Noble had left his family - Told her Dr Jonas intended paying his children

a visit the present Winter. Urged a quick reply. See P.507 Father carried it to Mr Brush at Church - This done, took up Russell and examined that melancholy portion of English History which relates the contention between Charles 1st & his Scottish, as well as English subjects - Ah Me ¾ what turbulent times - May this favored Nation never witness scenes like those. Cousin Ruth, Lydia & I paid Miss Stone a visit - Mr Parsons & Lady being absent at Mr Eldred's. Not so busy in the evg with my pen, but that I saw Mr Gates here. Mild thawy weather - hailed at night.

517 MONDAY, JAN'Y 9th Gallanted Cousin Ruth to the Cotton Factory, Catherine & Charlotte to uncle Sam'l Robinson's. Balanced accounts at the factory store by paying $5.74 - bought 30 cents worth cotton yarn for candle wicke. Saw in manuscript a history of the present War by Hiland Hall - I supposed it to be his composition, but, he said, it was not all by him. Brought 8 yards poor woolen clothnfrom Sterns' fulling mill for Mr Parsons' folks - On our return made a short visit at uncle Robinson's - cousin Polly shewed me her writing which she had learnt of Tyler - never had written any before - the best I ever saw of womens hand, for a person at that age, 13 - Came on to the Hill - Ruth did some business there - Wrote
518 a Billet to H. Hall to get letters I left there - which by the bye he sent me by the time I reached home - Lydia received company from the South - C. Loomis, P. Loomis and L. Norton - in the evening S.Stone- Let me not omit N. Watson from the North. Thsse drew the following gent(n - J.Gates, J.Norton, S. SArdam, & J. Loomis Junr - All was regularly conducted - waited upon Miss Watson home with whom I had talked a good deal about books. Said she should leave town in a few days, if there ahould come sleighing, to go to Leicester, Mass., to live with an aunt - promised to correspond with me. Capt Ira received a letter from Capt Kingsley, Attica, about provisions.
519 In P.S. to J.Murphy requested him to question the old Fortune Teller of Albany, if he had occasion to visit her, about a loss I sustained, P. 121, to have what she should say, sent me in writing, for which I would be at all reasonable expence. P.515

(WEDNESDAY) Tuesday, Jan'y 10th The day was employed drawing wood - Part of the evening at Parsons' - He came home from Hoosick with his lady and Mr West - those gentlemen were in high spirits. Mr Williston came to see Mr West about his troubles - waited not to hear him through, but g athered up my book & came home. Read Ingersoll's Speech in Congress on raising 80,000 Militia, to Mr Ellis Doty & his friend Corkins, with whom he came
520 over from Wilmington to buy grain. Some, they liked, some (& I warrant, a good deal, they did not like. Dr Jonas arrived from Colraine - No Luck among the Widows and Old Maids - Miss Acsah Doty from Rush, Pa., came to pay us a visit, likewise Mr J. Anthony. Friend Jonas Rogers was ill. Mild, rather thawy, weather.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 11th Doty & Corkins took waggons - went to Hoosick in the rain to take in their loading. The pen took my chief attention. Capt Ira entertained his neighbors, this evening, till 12 at night. some of their proceedings bordered on libertinism. While I wrote Lydia made candles - Read Russell till very late. The girls joined in the midnight carousal at Capt Ira's Dark, slippery & boisterous.

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521 THURSDAY, JAN'Y 12th National Fast. Father represented the Family in Church. Wrote a short letter to cousin Clark A. Harwood, Butternuts, N.Y. to inform him of cousin Ruth's having engaged Dr Jonas to carry her there by the first of Feb. - to know by his answer what she should do - and a few other particulars, which I scribbled in a miserable hand. After supper gallanted Miss Doty in Mr Brown's single horse waggon, to her uncle Richard Mellen's at Mrs Henderson's. Suffered much from cold which was as severe, if not severer than at any time this season.
My night amusement was turned from what it was meant to be, to read ing of the civil wars in Eng'd 1642 to 45.
Lydia & Sophia went to Mr Jewett's to see
522 friend Levi & his bride, to whom he was lawfully & duly married on Sunday, the 8th. They said the groom was illy dressed - shewed great indifference toward his guests.
Dr Jonas conveyed in single waggon to Pittsfield, Miss Fanny Leonard. Capt Ira received a letter from J. Waterman announcing thst he had sold his place in Columbus, &c. Mess Doty & Jabez Corkins having carried their grain to Weeks' made a safe return.
Mr Russell Harvey brought letters ~~from~~-for David Stone to carry to Canada when he should go, which would soon be. Intended departing from H. Falls. Father, this day, entered his 54th year.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 13th A grinding cold morning. Doty & Corkins went home. We had Judd with us &
523 went into the woods, hauling out wood. Capt Ira was attacked with lameness in his back - quitted the field at the approach of night. A pair of mittens that I supposed were lost were found at Parsons'. The captain, his lady & children visited at our house, while the young ladies & I did the same at theirs - Some old affairs were raked up which however did not irritate to a very alarming degree. Pursued the civil wars in Eng'd.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 14th Our business was about home. Rode to town at night - bought a quire & a half of writing paper of Darius Clark for 37½" He let me have the Boston Gazette of Jany 5th Perused it 'till highly enraged & then indignantly cast it onto the floor on account of its hostile sentiments & false representations
524 Dr Jonas arrived from his Pittsfield expedition, brought the Connecticut Courant Extra, giving the proceedings of the N.E. Convention - a pres't from cousin H. Taylor.
My History, this evening, brought me to Charles 1st Decapitation, Jan'y 30th 1649

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 15th Father expressed a desire to have me attend ~~met~~ meeting, but I would not, because I wanted to write. Locke came to see me. No snow, but appearances indicated its near approach - Neat waggoning. Really fine, mild weather.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 16th Had a good mind to be sick in the morn but they put me to breaking flax with Mr Judd which made me lay aside that
525 notion. My employment was changed, Father took the break - I drew a load of wood for Father. Batt who received a small on the 12th by the hand of Mr Judd. At night wanted to go to town, but gave it up. Read papers to father . Two bbls of cider were filled for Mr Sam'l Robinson - price $3.50 at Troy. Mr Perry was here a few momements - played awkwardly on the fiddle - I likewise wasted time playing on that thing.

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TUESDAY, JAN'Y 17th Our work this day needs no recording. Was pleas ed to hear the girls dispute with cousin Ruth about gen J. or J.G. Late P.M. visited the New Vendue Book Store - saw a few books I liked - Went to the Post Office ⊖ no letters. Paid a short visit to Mr Buckley Squires and his lady. Played some tunes for Mrs S. - Got measured for a whole suit at Mr Fullers' Received the following

526 (I was going to copy a warning from Capt Moses D.Robinson, but it being mislaid cannot appear here) I was called on to appear on the parade at the M'g House Saturday the 21st 12 at noon &c.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 18th Wrote a short letter to Gen Gates requesting his attendance at our house in the evg. It was fine, pleasant weather - ground axes - a henroost was built - and I have recorded it - Dr Jonas drew timber for Elisha Waters - sold his single horse waggon to a Western traveller for $30. Another little Ball was held at Capt Ira's Mr Locke attended - Mr Brown was gone to Manchester. Gen Gates came, as invited - it was a lively, sociable affair, & the last we expected to enjoy, Nancy Watson being in daily expectation of going away, Cousin

527 Ruth likewise meaning soon to quit.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 19 Father and I worked in the woods - Dr Jonas drew timber from Shirkshire for E. Waters. A great story about Mr Sardam's prohibition of dancing at noon & Miss Fairbanks, was related by J. Rogers and Diademia. Capt Ira re ceived the company of Mess Loomis & Parsons & ladies. Spent the evening at Parsons' reading Russell & the prints. A cold E.storm prevailed.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 20th Drawing again. At early eve. Mrs Perry came over - stated that every man under Mrs Hinman's roof was absent, nobody at home but herself, Mary West & a little girl - Old Rich & his wife drunk - the cattle wanted foddering - She asked me to go home with her - put things aright - sat down

528 to read the "Wild Irish Girl" but there was so much sociability that it went heavily, Mary was not pleased with it - produced her Albany "Guardian" papers which to please her I perused with some interest till tired - then, Dr Jonas, who likewise came over, took them & entertained us with some funny, lively, stories, but none of them were of just that cast to suit my ear. Dr J. & I slept there.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 21 Capt Wilber Blackmer appeared at the head of his company this P.M., mustered & maneuvered them - they were indeed most miserably equipped. It would seem there was more exertion used to appear in such a plight than like men prepared to face an enemy. Capt Blackmer dismissed us with a manly tho' rough exhortation suited to the crisis. While in

529 in Chs Wright's office attending muster, had a few words with Corpl Moses D., on politics, which arose from my having discovered among other books there, Jefferson's Notes on Virginia. I shan't give the the substance here - shall just note that he said J. laid down prin ciples in that book differing widely from those which had actuated him while in the Presidency. With regard to Manufactures, he formerly argued that they ought not to be introduced into the country until it had obtained a thick population, whereas after he became Pres't he used all his powers & influence to eastablish them (prematurely in Mr R's opinion) in the US. This talk continued but a sh short time - each tenaciously adhered to his own side, as Politicians, or those calling

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530 themselves so, generally do,without any kind of profit. Marched to the Post Office - waited a good while for the Western Mail, but when it came brought no letters now news. Scratched a line, to which I affixed father's name, to Miss P. Thompson, handed it to Mr Hyde, came home in company with Messrs Patsons& J. Gates. Carried the "W.S.Girl" to Parsons' in order to read it to Mrs P. and her sister, but the opportunity was not good - too much company - took my hat & returned home. Had now read enough of this Novel to be highly in favor of it.

SUNDAY,JAN'Y 22d It was my choice to read, but had to gather up papers & have them sewed together - An ev'g visit was planned to Mr Watson's. I did not mean to go, but hated to
531 give a flat denial - The girls got ready before me & walked off with Dr Jonas. I expected to see, nor hear, no more of them during the evg - Pocketed the "Wild Irish Girl" Dictionary and East'n Gaz'r with the view of going to Mr Parsons' to read - But I came very near being pressed into their service, for as I entered the piazza, heard voices from within, which I knew - among whom were those of Locke & J'a Waters - to avoid falling in with them, stepped back & took my stand in the shop near a window where I could observe them when they should come out. Having remained here a few moments had the pleasure of seeing them move off - Pushed for the house where I found the old people gone - seated myself by a good light & perused
532 our Irish Novel with spirit & activity - my passions were sometimes seized & wrought up to a most enthusiastic pitch - other part of the book appeared but ordinary - quotations of other languages appeared highly ostentatious, if not needless, in my plain English eye. Mrs P. & lady returned from Mrs Hinman's about 9 - I left there at 11 o'clock. There came a driving snow from N.W.which tho' it was blown about to a great rate & in no great quantity, formed our first sleighing this winter. It was hailed with joy.

MONDAY,JAN'Y 23d Father and Capt Ira settled Book Accounts - on the part of the former they amounted to $257.89 the latter to $439.05. Balance by due-bill which Father took up a few days subsequent to the date. See p. .
533 Mr Parsons & lady, Dr Jonas, Elijah & lady had a convivial meeting at Housse. They meant to improve the first sleighing. I passed an entertaining evg with my "Wild Irish Girl" and another female acquaintance.

TUESDAY,JAN'Y 24th Was employed in drawing wood - one load for father Batt. We made a little party at Mr Watsons' by request of Miss Nancy. Sophia did not go - nor did Mr Brown, whose presence was much desired. Gen J. Gates was there - added greatly to the hilarity of the visit. Our room was cold,but dancing kept it perfectly comfortable. Came away at 12.

WEDNESDAY,JAN'Y 25 Under Dr Jonas' command drew wood for Parsons down his ugly, paintaking hills - went three loads with oxen. He worked horses. Father was with us - In the evening very reluctantly went to Capt Norton's where Ruth,Lydia, Sophia & Nancy Watson were making a visit. Had a bad cold.- staid some
534 some time in the lower kitchen - then visited the parlour - cards were plenty - sat awhile - again returned to the kitchen. Read "The W.I.Girl" - Spent the latter part of the evening among the ladies - Walked home with Miss Watson promisd her I8d write,when she should have arrived at Leicester, Mass.

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THURSDAY, JAN'Y 26 Really cold - Drew two loads of wood for Father Batt. Dr Jonas drew timber for E. Waters. Miss Laura N. was at Capt Ira's this evg - Much mirth, with cards prevail ed.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 27th Drew pine logs for Capt Norton & Son from Esq'r Nobles' meadow - Pownal - Bad sledding from Jewett's to Norton's - Snow thin, every where; on hilly lands it was swept off by high winds. Keen, cutting S. wind blew this day.

535 SATURDAY, JAN'Y 28th Cousin Ruth & I performed a ride to Mr Phillips' Petersburgh - in a cutter. We took the road by Mr Eldredge's & Pownal or Petersburgh bridge, from whence to Griffith's at the corners, it was dull, heavy sleighing - the road, most of the way, uneven & rough. While dragging over this dismal distance, we became dreadfully benumbed with cold - I thought myself well prepared for the rigor of the season except the article of socks over my boots, but the seaeching N. wind defied the best woolen defence - It seemed as if we never should arrive at the Inn - however we at length reached the desired haven - found a mean fire - dirty bar-room & other affairs in unison - the fire was renovated, and we by the strength of a gill pf Spanish Brandy, half a mug of cider & a few cakes, found ourselves restored to natural warmth.
536 While here two young gentlemen & elderly lady and a gay Belle, richly dressed, rode up & occupied the bar-room - They appeared to be in the finest spirits - The young lady wore on her head a towering Jockey pompously plumed off in the most stilish order - and on their cutters had a calash top over the back part of it, most elegantly tipted - and in every other respect the cutter was superbly decorated, with harness, horses & horse blankets equally grand. Passing along the Little Hoosick we witnessed indications of the awful effects of the Great Freshet on the 28th Aug't 1814. Near sunset reached the dwelling of Mr Tho's Phillips Junr - 3 miles S. of Petersburgh village. The honest couple were absent. Cousin Margaret, the children & two other odd souls were at home. On of these was a tittering cobler who divert
537 ed himself very much at the expense of the other - a worthless cider toper. Both had families - each family knew what it was to endure cold & hunger. Their names were Gid Frazier & Abel Jones.
Mr P. & lady came home early in the evg - time passed off very agree ably.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 29th Few mornings are seen colder than this. It was our intention to go home this day; but the cold was so rigorous, so unusually severe, that it was given over altogether. We only ventured abroad as far as Mr Mansir Greene's in the P.M. Mr G. came over to his son-in-laws (Mr P's) late in the morning I walked with him across lots, while Mr Phillips conveyed the ladies by a little circuitous route in a sleigh. We had reason to
538 be well pleased with our visit altho' the house was cold - for we saw one of the most engaging young men there that Petersburgh could produce - He had just arrived from Madison Co. - A blacksmith - worked at machinery in a Cotton or Woolen Factory. They told me his name was Wm T. Farmer. We had a hard one getting home again, but was effected without accident. How hoarsely did boreas bellow among the leafless & lonely forests. Can I ever forget the dreary aspect of this day & night. No - so long as I shall retain the recollection of anything that is past. The evening was happily talked away by a warm & cheering fireside. In the course of the day finished read

ing the third Vol. of Modern Europe. The Wars between England & Holland formed the principal subject. Read a little of Dr Aikens' Arts' of Life.

539 Monday, Jan'y 30th Started from Mr Phillips' at 10 in the morning - well satisfied with our visit. Their family consisted of 7 children, of which the eldest was but 11 in June 1814. Much less confusion prevailed than could have been expected among such a juvenile crew. It was so cold as the 29th but there was a keenness of air not to be trifled with this day.

At Griffith's the bar-room was full, abd what diverted us & others a good deal,was the appearance of three young ladies, who came out, it appeared, with their gallants, for a sleigh ride. They were mellow enough - Nothing seemed to trouble, nor disconcert them - perfectly happy - reeling & talking in the most familiar manner. They soon made their exit &, before we came away, the
540 room
was divested of much of its ornamental company. One lively charac ter I must not pass over in silence. An elderly gentleman, with his friends, called in, as they were passing from Williamstown to the Westward - His cheerfulness & lively good sense, could not but attract our attention, where such a torrent of foibles & silly loquacity had just been shed upon us. Having staid more than an hour we pushed forward again, crossed Hoosick River on the ice at Casses, took the road by Bratt's, which comes into the Troy road at the Armstrong Hill & came home through the W. part of the Town. It was sundown when this was accomplished - Found better sleighing this way than through Pownal. Cousin Ruth had the pleasure of seeing her father at our house - last from Pittsford in good health arrived Sunday evg.

541 Received the following from the pen of Miss C. Norton - Such a press of writing presents itself that only the first paragraph can appear. She had vastly improved her hand by going to Mr Tylers writing-school.

Bennington, Sat'y evg 28th Jany 1815

"Sir :- It is now the late & solemn hour of twelve. The busy objects of the day are enjoying the calm sweets of oblivion. The moon with unclouded lustre sheds her silver rays (or) oer an unheeding world."

Other parts allude to her long delay in writing -m and my letter of Nov (p. 460) Makes friendly professions - de - sires to keep up the correspondence

542 Read the fo egoing at Tho's C's,returned thence and wrote a Yankee reply, chiefly on Education - I kept in shoal water just as such kind of writers ought. In her letter she invites me to write my opinion of the "Wild Irish Girl" - Promised I would when I had read in through.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 31 One of the coldest days ever known in this country - a great many ears & noses were frozen - Dr Jonas had the misfortune to have his ears singed,riding to town - went to Cardall's City for Harry Whitney. He made an evg excursion to Parsons' - Capt Ira & his lady were there - they intend ed to enjoy a feast - they meant to enjoy much more than they did. Messrs Mellen & West were among them. When Dr J came
543 home, the people were gone to bed, the door was closed so fast by frost that he retired to Capt Ira's, thinking it had been barred - I was sorry, for I lay cold. Uncle Sam'l Robinson was making prep arations for going to Attica for Capt Ira.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 1 A few of the Harwood gentry were weighed. Uncle Jonas & Uncle Clark weighed 157 each - father 158 - Capt Ira 146 - See p. 479 - Drew a load of wood - Uncle Sam'l & Aunt Sarah R. and Sam'l Junr paid us a visit. It was the wish of the brethren to have a full meeting of all my grandfather's children, in this place - Capt Ira being on the point of moving away, but Dr Jonas destroyed this pleasing scene, by being gone to Hoosick with T.C.Parsons.

544 Heman Robinson was drawing wood by here that day, stopt in while our people were at supper & discoursed with Uncle C. on Politics - In the ev'g dropped in at Parsons' - saw his brother-in-law Smedley from Litchfield, Conn. last from Albany, where he had visited a swindling drover who had cheated him out of $200. Mr S. brot great news from Jackson at N. Orleans, which was rather in anticipation of the Grand Slaughter of Jan'y 8th. Staid but a mom't at P's talking of New Gate & some late regulations in Conn't about travelling on the Sabbath, but returned home, took down the Irish Novel, undertook to read - aye it would not go - it fairly surfeited me - made several attempts, but all failed - if I had not engaged to read it, I should have flung it by entirely - I now only postponed it to

545 to a more fitt'g opp'y. This fit seized me about the middle of the Vol. So much was written of Glorvina with all the nice minutia which delighted the Fair, that I could not endure it - Laid it aside & indited a letter to cousin Anna Waters - Nothing of importance was in it.

THURSDAY,FEB'Y 2d Uncle Clark read a letter to me which he wrote to send by Cousin Ruth to his son at Butternuts. It was pretty good - advised him to get married - with funny repartees &c. Held a conversation of some length with Uncle C. which turned on the study of Philosophy, dissimulation &c. Rode to Mc Eowen's on business with Capt Ira. Father borrowed for him of Moses Atwood $200

546 payable at the end of two years at 12 per cent perannum. This sum added to that obtained of the same gentleman in May, at the same rate, due at the end of the year comes up to $300. See p. . Uncle Clark went off visiting his old friends & acquaintances. Dr Jonas drew wood for Bowers. Miss Diademia Harwood arrived at the age of 15 this day.

FEB. 3rd 1815 Visited the woods - Flax-dressing was going on - Dr Jonas drew wood for Bowers. Capt Ira with his lady visited his relations in the "North". In their absence many of their old neighbors came to ~~visit~~ take leave of them, among whom were Loan Dewey, Esq., Mrs D. & Mrs Bliss, Mrs Hunt, all her children & Levicy Rugg came up in the evg, but returned without seeing them. Our house was greatly

547 confused. Mr Parsons, Mr Smedley with ladies came to visit us. The visit was interrupted by the presence of J. Norton Junr, Sardam & J. Loomis Junr - We were afraid of a thaw - the wind changed N. & dispelled our fears. Mr J. Gates lodged with me. The gen was always a noble bed-fellow.

SATURDAY,FEB'Y 4th Got wood in I. with Judd. Father, gen Gates and others assisted about packing Capt Ira's goods. As I entered the house & viewed these preparations, I was lost in a gloomy reverie, from which I could get relief only by flight. Went to West's & to Parsons' early in the evg - at the latter place Mr Smedley made a strenuous attack on me respecting Religion - He quoted

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numerous passages of Scripture to prove his principles; his conversation made such a melancholy impression on my mind that it last
548 ed me the whole evening. I commenced a writing a long letter to my old friend L. Smith, Attica. It consisted of a jumbled compound about L. Jewett's wedding & all such doings which in part may be found pages 501, 522.

SUNDAY,FEB'Y 5th Every person in the family & many of the neighbors exerted themselves in equipping Capt Ira for his journey. Father & he settled all accounts by which it appeared that the latter had received of the former seven hundred, seventy three dollars and twelve cents since Nov 11th 1813. See p

When I saw the men gathered round the sleigh stowing away the goods I could liken it to nothing but a funeral. And the hum & confusion which prevailed here, finished my letter to L.Smith
549 and wrote another to Annis Stone, Scipio, N.Y. It contained no material information. Mr Noble Dewey's death & that of his son was inserted. We were highly incensed against Uncle Sam'l for his dilatory conduct in not making his appearance much earlier in the day, but when he came, he talked so droll shewed so much good will, that our rave was turned into friendly mirth and good will. I transacted some business with Sam'l B. Young respecting services performed by Capt Ira in Feb'y 1813 - in transporting arms to Woodstock,Vt from this town. Ira by settlement owed Young 40" - He drafted a receipt which I copied & dated & Capt I. signed. Mr Y. gave him a written discharge in full.

550 Our neighbors crowded in so thick and fast that it caused much confusion & hindrance. Gen Gates waited upon Miss Lydia House to this mansion. But,Oh, how unfortunate; his horse broke away and ran off with his borrowed cutter - nothing was seen or heard of them until next day noon, or near that time, when they were found at Mc Eowen's - but little damage done. Miss House was politely gallanted home by Dr Jonas, who tarried the night & spent most of the forenoon looking for gen Gates' horse & cutter. This conduct was illy approved of by father & capt Ira. For 2 Or 3 days fears of thaw were entertained, but these vanished, now that we received a thin coat of snow which fell this night.

551 MONDAY,FEB'Y 6th This morning it was discovered that our good friend Capt Ira could not, as had been designed, carry near all his effects on his sleigh & cutter, but must have another sleigh & horse instead of the cutter - This plan was no sooner conceived than adopted - We had a new sleigh just ironed off at Col Norton's, Algiers - which was brought up; a rough box put on,by uncle Clark & E. Waters & loaded up before 12 o'clock. Uncle Sam by a repetition of his tardiness, spoken of P. 549, excited the same har harsh feelings in us again which were dispelled in the same agreeable manner. It had been concerted between Dr Jonas, Gen Gates, Mr Locke & myself to escort Capt Ira and family a few miles on his way out of town

552 Accordingly each gentleman with his lady riding in cutter rode to Four Corners, Hoosick, at Chase's, called for a room to which all the ladies retired, followed by the gentlemen who called in plenty of Brandy sling, which highly cheered their spirits. At the moment of parting tears were copiously shed by the ladies, but on the part of the gentlemen they kept above it - Our friend Capt Ira assumed a manly gaiety at this juncture, highly praiseworthy - In parting with his aged father & friends at home , at this place, & through the whole transactions of the day, he behaved with firmness, steadiness & pro-

priety. Uncle Sam. played his part admirably well. They departed with many good wishes from us. We returned in the same order in which we went out - Dr Jonas with
553 Miss L. Waters, gen Gates with cousin Ruth, Mr N.R.Locke with Miss L. Harwood & Mr H. Harwood with Miss S. Stone. The company was entirely satisfied with this company of pleasure. Each gentleman enjoyed the peculiar felicity of discoursing freely & frankly with his partner during the airing. It was about dark when we reached home - Mr Locke purposed to go down to Mr Jewett's, which was exceeding the rule of rights for him to drive his borrowed pony so far, but I refused going - After supper they consulted among themselves about the matter - Miss Sophia affronted Dr J. so that he would not go - Gen Gates took in Cousin Ruth, accompanied Locke, Lydia & Sophia as far as Tan Brook - left them - turned
554 about- rode back & put up for the night. I closed this busy day reading the "W,Irish Girl" with which I was enthusiastically engaged. It was cloudy & pretty cold that day. Capt Harwood moved off well provided for for beginning the world a second time. God bless him. His wifes sister, Miss Fanny Leonard, accompanied him as a member of his family. P. 581, 582.

TUESDAY,FEB'Y 7th Some few articles were taken out of friend Ira late dwelling. P.M. in the woods. Company was not desired by our ladies at all - but there was no being rid of it. John Duncan & his lady came from Pownal - tarried the greatest part of the day - went away at night. They were succeeded by Timothy Harvey Esqr, his lady,
555 Widow Rice & Mr Revel Harvey who staid the evening. Those gentle men would hear me fiddle, which was quite disagreeable to my inclination. Nor was I very courteous towards friend Revel, in which I do not attempt to justify myself - was but slightly acquainted with him, had writing on hand that appeared of so much mem't that it could not be put off, but must be attended to that evening. Five in the P.M. went to see Miss Polly Thompson at Maj'r Merrill's - engaged her to do a job of tayloring for me the next week, beginning on Monday. Dr Jonas gaily rode off in his cutter at noon, bobody knew where. The night was severely cold & clear.

WEDNESDAY,FEB'Y 8th Was employed in drawing wood. Grandfather,having removed a pile of sry wood,
556 to make more room for piling the green - feeling unusually lively & expert, came out & assisted me about throwing off a load. As we were tugging at the last principal log he fell his full length on the hard ground. I raised him up & supported him as he hobbled into the house. We supposed the shock must have affected him much, but not to that degree he fancied it had. It reduced him to a very unhappy situation.

Drew another load of wood for father Batt - At night read the "Wild Irsih Girl " at Parsons' - called it preaching - preaching ~~to~~ too that we all liked - many of the sentimental expressions with which it abounds made some some most noble & pleasabt impressions on me - too refined for me to think of describing. Father was there awhile, but went home before 9.
557 The ladies busied themselves with making candles. Dr Jonas watch'd with grandfather, who was exceeding chidish & restless.

THURSDAY,FEB'Y 9th Another good day for business - a little stormy pretty cold. Launched a horse team to sled abt mid-day with which Dr Jonas helped us get wood - & what is more - I clumsily fell from a stick, on which I was chopping, into the snow

& hurt my own dear self. Took cold by the means - on going to bed h had a severe ague fit which was succeeded by a high fever which flung me into a most sweat. Mother took more notice of the affair Much, than I thought necessary - her attention was ever strictly given, when her children were ill, & indeed if anyone in her house were so. It was my turn
558 to watch with grandfather, but father had to take my place. News of Gen Jackson's Grand Victory reached town.

FRIDAY,FEB'Y 10th I was feelingly moved this morning at witnessing the situation in which my aged grand-parent was placed, & the kind & dutiful behavior of my Mother towards him, but what heightened the flavor of these reflections was the indispensible necessity of her assistance & advice with regard to this aged personage. Did no work, but rode to Pickett's store with cousin Ruth - traded out $4.89" - for myself. Thanked Mr Brown for his horse, which I borrowed for this little ride. Saw Wm Duncan at Parsons' - came to get his wedding shoes, in order to marry himself to Mrs Brownell ten years older than he, who himself was 20, with 5 children.

559 SATURDAY,FEB'Y 11 Father rode to Arlington to purchase a cople of little wheels of Babcock's manufacture. Dr Jonas & Mr Judd dressed flax - My destiny was, to chop & do choars. My mind underwent some unpleasant disquietude, in the course of the day. Capt Barnum Whipple of Albany arrived with his lady & mother from Sunderland - late P.M. richly equipped with bear-skins, elegant harness, bells and middling horses. Mrs Whipple appeared in silks, had a gloomy look, but was sociable - Capt W. made use of his sailor urbanity - his corpulency rendered his air rather supercilious. But perhaps this might be owing to habit, rather than disposition. In the evening he attempted to relate Robert Emmett's case before the Irish Judges; but he was not ingenious in the matter. His Mother was ill & sent for Dr Swift, who came down early in the evening. Our old uncle Zach'a paid us a short visit. It was an hour & day of
560 poignant grief and sore mortification to my hones, but proud spirited sister, Lydia. Her troubles certainly deserved commiseration, for the house overflowed with company & she had to bear the brunt of all the labor occasioned in that way; But I must allow myself leave to write that I considered some part of her affliction without just foun dation. Spledid equippage ought never to terrify us so as to forget to whom it is attached. A thaw was looked for, happily it did not take place.

SUNDAY,FEB. 12th Capt Whipple with his lady departed for Albany. Grandfather continued extremely restless & helpless - mother was almost worn out taking care of him, but persevered & failed to do nothing that would administer to his comfort. All the hours I could get were spent in writing alomg with Uncle Clark. Father, Lydia & Sophia rode together to Church as did
561 Dr Jonas, Cousin Ruth and Sally stone in the P.M. Friend Locke came to see us. He and the girls joked me smartly about a particular scheme which had been in agitation, but which at this time had to be abandone till circumstances should be more favorable. The cant phrase was - "Oh dear - he cant - he cant - he cant"- his mother wont let him "

At 6 or 7 in the evening called at Parsons' - finished reading that excellent little novel - The Wild Irish Girl.
Snowed slightly, cleared up cold. John Norton Junr was published to Miss Persis Smith. It was high time, I should think, after 8 years courtship. No doubt they thought so too.

MONDAY,FEB 13th My head contained a muddy intellect. Made some addition to the wood pile. It was declared highly inexpedient to bring
562 bring Miss Thompson here to day. Capt Ezra Whipple arrived from Sunderland - talked as loud as usual.

A hand-bill from Albany announced the glorious & heart cheering intelligence that a Treaty of Peace had been signed at Ghent, ratified by the Prince Regrent, & transmitted to our executive for the finishing stroke. They fired the iron 6 Mr 4 times on the occa sion. Dr Jonas roade out with Ruth & Sophia to Mr Houses' this evg The cold was quite severe.

TUESDAY,FEBY 14th Went to Mr Hydes' this morning to countermand Miss Thompsons' attendance here. The bad side of the Human character & constitution were constantly present to my mind a great part of the day - Much unhappy foreboding resulted from it - An extensive map of futurity lay before me, which I critically examined - it gave birth to
563 a train of thoughts quite unwelcome & which I believe to be the parent of a great many evils. It destroys patience, confidence in friends or ourselves, & that cheerfulness which is so necessary to the welfare of all those with whom we are associated. Our house pre sented a melancholy spectacle, grandfather was groaning almost constantly under his infirmities, to what were real he added those of the imagination, which made him altogether more troublesome.
We drew up more wood P.M. A load was drawn for father Batt. Not much reading at night - More fiddling - Pleas't day - cold night - Capt Whipple returned to Sunderland with our old aunt, this morning.

WEDNESDAY,FEB. 15th Began cutting up wood at the door. Confusion & gloominess, impenetrable - were the order of the day at this unhappy dwelling. Early in the ev'g had a pleasing interview with Dr Wright at the office - which related principally to the common pursuits of men. He thought they
564 derived their chief happiness from objects of sense, and making favor able comparisons between their own & their neighbors circumstances.

I urged that there was no real Felicity in this Life, but, such as we found it, we must go on & make it as agreeable as we could. Our conversation embraced a fund of interesting matter to extensive for even an imperfect sketch in this place.

Ariel Denio, with his lady & sister, made a short tarry here this P.M. Dr Jonas, cousin Ruth and Lydis rode to McDowmers', in the North this evg.

THURSDAY,FEB.16th Had passed a restless night with grandfather. It was the warmest day that had been seen since the first of Jan'y - Worked in the woods - The sky was unobscured - Went to Dr Swift's after sundown - came back by Parsons' - sat down & wrote a few lines which I handed to a lady for her benefit & ~~about~~ abruptly left the house. Returned to the ancient
565 attempted reading in Bigland's Ireland - but it would not go, I was so sleepy. John Norton Junr celebrated his nuptials this joyful clear day. Mr Nathan Parsons brought Mary H. Campbell from Castleton to her brother T. C. Parsons.

FRIDAY,FEB. 17th Received an invitation to Mr Norton's 2d day wedding. At first had doubrs about attending but finally concluded to go. Spoke to Dr Jonas for his steed. Went to see M.H.Campbell & S. Stone, who were likewise invited, whether they would attend - the former consented - the latter peremptorily

refused - persuasion was vain & useless - I, however, persisted in my resolution to proceed. This determination did not prevail - for Lydia had to wait upon so much company that it was next to impossible for her to leave home, and what is more, Dr Jonas did not get done ~~dancing~~ drawing wood with his horse till late - so that it
566 was totally given up. Messrs Sam'l & L. Staunton & their ladies paid paid P.M. respects to us - Mr Doty & lady from Wilmington were their immediate successors. Mr D. spoke very flippantly on politics - after his usual manner, on his arrival from the Green Mount's - I had to fiddle for him - & hated it egregiously too - I always fiddled (indeed I never knew how) best in solitude.

Locke partook of some of my confidence - helped me do chores & went to Parsons' with me - staid 2 or 3 hours talking with the girls. Locke slept here. It was a snowy night.

SATURDAY, FEB. 18th A snowy morning from the E. P.M. D. & his wf went off to White Creek - Dr Swift came to see grandfather - tarried nearly the whole forenoon - Locke departed for Pennsylvania, as he supposed. G.father began to think more fa favorably of himself
567 which seemed to lessen the darkness which had overspread us a few days past. It was not our apprehension, but his ~~own~~ own that had disturbed his peace, & that of his family. I sat down with the girls around the stove & enjoyed a sentimental dialoge, after the labors of the day had ceased. Some few moments at P's.

The Albany paper contained English remarks on the new Treaty some of which were curious. Uncle Clark came to spend Sunday with us. Watched with Grandfather, who rested tolerably well.

SUNDAY, FEB. 19 Full of business with the pen. Pleasant. Locke lodged here.

MONDAY, FEB 20th Moderately cut wood at the door. Dr Jonas conveyed Mr Parsons to Hoosick in his cutter. Followed writing in the evg. High cold S. wind and storm.

568 TUESDAY, FEB.21st Rainy. Father was ill. Wrote all day. Uncle Clark joined me several hours. Mr Doty & lady arrived wet from visiting his brother Gates at Salem, N.Y. The house was in an uproar. Not much enjoyment under this roof. Anecdotes & Politics were subjects of of conversation amongst the gentlemen.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 22d Two loads of wood were drawn for father Batt. Mr Moses Smedley, Sergeant 11th Regt came here from Hinesburgh, with his cousin Irene, on their way to Williamstown. Tarried all night. He was in all the Battles fought on the Niagara frontier during the late campaign - was likewise in Williamsburgh Battle, U.C.

569 Intelligence was brought to town of the ratification of the Treaty by the Pres't before 12 at noon, which was followed by repeated discharges of artillery till the next morn'g accompanied by a general illumination in the evg. Some confusion ensued which greatly marred the celebration - the 2 parties with each a gun, were brought to a smart war of words, as well as a few blows but no lives were lost. Father went with me up this insane, ill digested, unmanageable rabble-like assemblage - our tarry was short - enjoyed the evening all together better at home hearing cousin M. Smedley relate his military adventures. Saw friend Baronet Dixon at the State Arms Tavern - talked with him a long

time - invited him to come & see me. Held a long conversation with one of Wellington's men, an Irishman, who had deserted from
570 Champlain Sept 1814 - Had fought in Italy, Sicily, Portugal, Spain, & France - ga e a bad name to the Spaniards - especially the young ladies. Liked his native vountry best. I,from information,echoed the sentiments - Called himself 24 years of age - Slippery walking clear with moonlight -

Miss C. Norton sent me the following which I am pleased to Copy:

Bennington, Feb 18th.,1815

Dear Sir :-

I have taken my pen, amid the hoise & confusion of the family to answer a letter which you had the goodness to send me, sometime since, and which certainly, does not deserve to remain so long unanswered. Your Yankee wit, as you term it, has conducted you very handsomely through a subject, which you attempted (very unnecessarily) with so much
571 diffidence. If your letters deserve the appellation of homespun, homespun letters are very much to my taste. What a fine delightful morning it is - the "Aeolian God" is very busy in wafting "earth's wintry garments" about in every direction. What do you think of the rumor of Peace - Would it not be a happy circumstance to have the Trump of Wat cease, & Peace again extend her olive wand oe'r the once happy plains of Columbia.

What do you think of the matromonial stir in town ? Are you included in that number who are preparing to launch into the bound less Ocean of Matrimony? In spite of all my exertions to the contrary, I shall soon be compelled to take up my residence for life on the Isle inhabited by old Maids. This place it has been the study of my life to avoid. Will not the world do me the justice to believe what I have asserted. Adieu - I am called upon to attend the 3d day wedding. I should be happy to have an answer soon

Your f'd

C. Norton

572. THURSDAY,FEB'Y 23d Mr Smedley & Miss Irene took leave of us for Williamstown. Before breakfast - began an answer to the foregoing letter - suspended its completion till eve ning - Fine day & evening - My old friend Nathan'l R. Locke took his final departure half past 3 P.M. I reflected a little upon some loose expressions that fell from me at that moment, which might have wounded him without cause but which were not so intended from me - In this respect I am apt to be off my guard - as are many of the race. We mutually promised each other to write.

My letter to Miss N. next demands attention - It first notices that she still kept me in remembrance - then a number of exhilleraa ting expressions follow on the glorius event of Peace, concluded by wishing it a lasting & honorable one. Next come up Matrimony -
573 "The Stir" I thought indicated a disposition in people to choose the least of two evils - did not know but that this might appear a harsh saying to some, but so it was viewed by me. All I had to sg say to this kind of people was, to not be too sanguine, lest disappointment should follow - adding, that by carefully examining the affairs of those who had preceded us in that way, we might derive much beneficial instruction.

As to my being of the number ready to launch - wrote that it would probably take place ere long, but was waiting for a calmer sea, saying - people who were prudent, or those who wished to be thought so, desired to embark with a fair prospect at least.

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Didn't believe, if ever she arrived there, she'd be suffered to remain long on Olf Maid's Island - exhorted her not to despair, for some

574 generous spirit stood ready to save her I presumed. The last page of the letter is devoted to remarks on "The W. Irish Girl", the spirit of which may be gathered by turning to pages 528. 532, 554 - 561. Told Miss Clarissa that if Miss Owenson intended as much instruction & pleasure to the unlearbed as to the learned, she had widely missed her object, by introducing so much foreign language into her book - expressed my chagrin & vexation at this - & ascrib-it to a spirit of Literary ostentation.

FRIDAY,FEB'Y 24th Welcomed that shrewd & good soul, Barnet Dixon, at our house this morning - left my work at the wood-pile to hear those enchanting strains which flowed from his musical genius while playing on Col Fay's violin. P . Although he could not boast of extensive knowledge nor practice in this profession

575 yet, we all (the juvenile part of the house) most exquisitely enjoy ed his music. I certainly never feasted on the sweets of that heavenly science in a manner more sublimely happy. My opportunity with friend D. was favored by its being stormy from the South which added lightly to the snow. At night Mr Marsh came to see gd fath'r Mr Brown & Mr Parsons happened to be present while he read the 14th Chap'r of John preceding a fine prayer, after which he took occasion to say a few appropriate words by way of exhortation. We again retired to the parlour where more of our musician's talents were most harmoniously & melodeously displayed.

SATURDAY,FEB'Y 25th Mr Marsh borrowed D. Jonas' cutter & rode off to Williamstown, having, as I ought before to have mentioned, read 17th John and made a handsome prayer.

576 Dixon,too rode off with Dr Jonas who went to teaming for somebody in town-street. D. told me he & a band of kindred souls were going to settle in the N. psft of Ohio the present spring. - was now collecting his debts in this place, preparatory thereto.

I fear I parted with him too coldly to foster the gem of friend ship which had spring up between us since our acquaintance in camp in 1812 - I felt under some little restraint respecting the time I should have liked to (have) had him tarry - else we would have been cheered by more of (other) his airs. We severally promised to write each other.

Uncle Zachariah & his lady dropp'd in this P.M. Late in the P.M. chopped an hour for friend Parsons. The Treaty of Peace & Amity between G. Britian and the U.S. came in the Argus of Friday - 24th - More snow from the N.East. Sleighing good. Our good aunt Anstus developed her happy turn for low small talk, in full, this P.M.

577 SUNDAY,FEB'Y 26th Had watched with gd father the last night. He appeared to be better - rode out, enjoyed his ride very well - Dismissed my books - retired 3 P.M. & took nap - It was clear weather - wind blew gently from the north. A serenity of mind I was blessed with, today, but which but seldom happens , and the evening was as happily spent as any I had ever seen, scepticism to the contrary notwithstanding.

MONDAY,FEB'Y 27th Gd Father much easier - Dr Swift came to see him. Work progressed slowly. Ruth & Lydia visited at Parsons' - Mr Marsh arrived from Williamstown - Employed principal part of the evening in writing - Slept while Mr M. read & prayed.

The girls & Dr Jonas staid eveg at Parsons'. Dr J. had been to Arlington to drsw lumber.

578 TUESDAY,FEB'Y 28th Mr M. read 3rd of Galatians - prayed fervently. Dr Alanson Porter brought his lady & 3 fine little misses two of whom were his own, on a visit. This produced no small agaitation amongst our ladies - everything being in great confusion - they however submitted in a manner as gracious as possible to imperious fate, and made their company welcome & contented while they staid. It was 11 in the morn ing when they drove up, being somewhat ragged, in lieu of passing compli- ments with cousins ran down to Parsons' to concert a sleigh-ride with J. Rogers - All gone from home at that mom't Ecept Miss S. & little Andrew. Sat & talked a little while - then came out & met R's & G.Watson along with jonathan Ball of Hoosick with a cutter - as profane a little wretch as I ever

579 wish to see - Agreed with J.R. to take a ride - borrowed Mr Brown's poney for the purpose - returned home - they sent me for Dr Swift to visit grand father - Dr S. & Dr Wright both absent - Conversed a good while with friend Heman about the Treaty, affairs connected with it - Alexander of Russia, History, & my manner of keeping a Journal - He shewed me some handsome manuscrips, written with his own hand, lectures on his profession (No so, should be Pharmacy & Chemistry) which he designed to have bound. Read part of a piece on Aurora Borealis, which he perceived was dryly received by me. - as indeed was most of what he said to me - for somehow an intolerable apathy deadened my thoughts to everything above ideas of the lowest & most familiar kind. Came home & spent a few moments with cousins just before they departed for Williamstown.

580 The weather was warm & the snow had become soft & slumpy, consequent ly gave up my ride, which was to go with the violin to Mr Fillmore's to hear friend Dixon play - this business I considered too childish to un- dulge in at the expense of a borrowed horse, distance considerable & travelling bad. My mind was thrown into a violent ferment on hearing how our excellent schoolmaster had noble revenged himself on my young friend J. Rogers for a mere trifle - Said too much about it at home & at Mr Parsons' - there I had a hot dispute with Mrs P. who was much nearer the mark than I. Old Nancy, as we called her, arriv'd from Attica. Uncle Sam sent her home by his son Sam. She looked as well, if not bet- ter than when she went away. See Feb 6th.

581 WEDNESDAY,MARCH 1 Three in the morning was relieved by Dr Jonas from a most terrible night's watch with our venerable grand parent. Worked slowly at chopping. Father Batts & Judd dressed flax - Dr J's went to Arlington. Uncle Sam'l Robinson, who had returned on Monday from the W. with Mr Henry Fassett & his bride, brought his lady up to make us a little visit 7 give an account of his late journey. He stated things quite favorably - capt Harwood's expedition was a prosper ous, &, considering the times, not very expensive one. Something short of $30 being his travelling expenses - no ill of moment beset them dur- ing the course of a journey of 300 miles. Thursday, the 16th., they ar- rived in Attica - and took quiet possession of their dwelling - found kind, obliging neighbours, provision plenty & not over dear - news of Peace reached there next day. Miss Leonard be

582 spoken to her praise, behaved on the road and in their new abode in a manner well adapted to circumstances - He gave capt Ira abundance of good counsel & took leave of him on Saturday about noon. Found more snow on his return than on going out - But our brave capt could not have chosen a more proper season for the prosecution of his design,than he did. Let me not omit noticing the handsome treatment he received at the hands of Mr Osborne (the gentleman of whom he bought his pos -

session) who as far as practicable was all accommodation - Should not want his first payment 'till the first of March. Unfortunately Uncle Sam did not see the Smiths' - the state of the weather & roads forbade it - Was informed that they were well & presumed doing well. P. 239

583 To conduct our good capt to his land of Promise, a more suitable leader than this Uncle Sam, could not have been selected - In fact his usefulness did not cease with his services ro him, for it must be remembered that he piloted from that Western region a new married couple in to town - No less than Mr Henry Fassett & his lady - late Miss Eunice Abel - daughter of capt Tho's Abel of Pomfret (N.Y.) deceased. Confusion was as predominant here as at any time heretofore - chose to be off - taking a packet of newspapers - retiired to Mr P's - read a few paragraphs - some of which related to great suc cess in privateering - others, to the Grand Battle at N. Orleans. Gen Gates tarried awhile playing at cards with Mr P. He went away-then Mrs P. & her sister took a hand - They thought that was rather dull - invited Mr F. & me to join them

584 We played two games - in this performance I was a mere tool, for I had to act altogether from instruction. To close the scene - Miss S. & I played a game at "Blind Hand" - Examined the papers some further - talked much about Connecticut characters & retired with friend Rogers - The thaw continued.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2d To prevent the rats destroying our corn, what remained in the crib was pounded out.

Miss Laura Norton had sent us an invitation to her wedding this evening, which we had it much at heart to be present at - Fortune seemed to frown on Lydia. Dr Jonas & counsin Ruth rode to the "N'th". Returned with information that we might prepare for cousins from that quarter - this threw her into great discomposure. She was anxious to attend the w'g as Miss Laura

585 was a friend & companion of her youth but knew the impropriety of deserting her company could not be dispensed with - she hoped they would not come or if they should thst she might have time to get away ere they arrived. Three P.M. they came - But the snow was dissolving so rapidly that they could allow themselves but little time to tarry - Took supper & were off before sunset. I was so much occupied with preparations for the Wedding that much coldness was betrayed toward my cousins, in my behaviour, which wore an appearance far worse than the reality - Our visitants names shall follow - Mrs Downer was brought here by her son Reuel H., Messrs Henry Harwood, John, son of Silas Harwood, Rupert - Nath'l Harwood & Apollos Harvey - The ladies were - Miss Ruhanna, Miss Lovina, daughters of Mr Perez, & Miss Aurelia, daughter of Mr S. Harwood, Rupert

586 In a cutter I conveyed sister Lydia, friend Sophia & Miss S.Stone, across lots, for the ben of snow, to capt Norton's - were politely ushered in - the ladies seated in the parlour - the gentlemen in the kitchen. The elderly people in the roomopposite the parlor. Between 6 & 7 the Reverend Dan'l Marsh proceeded with due solemnity to pronounce this happy pair Man & Wife. Sprightliness, gaiety, & good natured vivacity inspired the whole company. Nothing oc - curred to mar the pleasures of the evening, & everything was con - ducted in a correct & handsome manner. A list of the attendants names may be seen p. 602. I participated but slightly in the amuse ments which followed - wandered in the hall & kitchen alone. Was enraptured most delightfully with Mrs Evans' singing. Her voice was excellent & some of the airs she sang - Oh how exquisitely

sweet.

587 I know I had never heard anything surpassing them. This lady was from Waterford, sister to Mrs Hill, & aunt to the Bridggroom whose name, in my usual blundering manner, I must now awkardly drag in - Mr Cyrus Bingham Hill, eldest son of Capt Cyrus Hill, was, this evening, married, after a courtship of something more than two years, to Miss Laura - third daughter of Capt John Norton. The age of the young couple was little more twenty one. The company began to disperse between 9 & 10. Miss Waters came not away - Brought my ladies in safety home. The weather was unusually warm - wind strong from the S. Snow melting very precipitately.

FRIDAY,MARCH 3d A fine warm morning - rode abroad with grand - father - Dr Swift ordered him a syrup - father & I procured the materials.

588 Past noon - ,iss M.H.Campbell rode up to Parsons' on the road to town - assisted her about mounting her horse. Mrs Waters abd Mrs Whitney came spattering through the mud in a one-horse-waggon for an P.M. visit at this distressed mansion. Father Batt broke flax- poor old sould. I used too much freedom this day, & I suppose it would be right to add, almost every day, in giving my opinion of the ill conduct of others - better to be whist & endeavor to look into, & mend my own behavior - this would be much more profitable, & infinitely less mischevious. We wfirst were apprised of the death of the Great & all accomplished Fulton - He died Feb'y 23d - lament ed universally. Received what follows from J. Murphy - Dated -

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Albany, Feb'y 23d 1815

Dear Friend : I received your letter of Jan 7th the following week It gave me infinite satisfaction to hear of your good health - I am happy to hear that you are all well - and highly pleased with the kind compliment bestowed upon me by Lydia, Sophia & Ruth. - for which I render my sincere thanks. I thank the Capt & his lady for their compliments & invitation to his country - I really think his advise is good - For I expect to purchase a piece of land, & should like him for a neighbor if it could be convenient. The people here wear a joyful aspect, since the Glorious news of Peace. Business flourishes here in every direction - & every citizen re - joices. I hope you will write to

590 me every opportunity & let me know how you are. Introduce my best respects to the Capt & his lady, Mr Harwood & his lady - Lydia, Sophia & Ruth. Believe me yours,

Mr H. Harwood. J. Murphy

PEACE.

Yesterday was a day of rejoicing issued by the Gov & Mayor of the City of Albany. Firing guns, ringing bells, and from 6 till 9 in the evening, there was a general illumination, paintings & fire- works From yours, J.Murphy

N.B. Direct your letter as before - Union Furnace Co.

591 SATURDAY, MARCH 4th Worked heavily at chopping - Dr Jonas dressed flax - Mr Batt was his fellow laborer but a short time - Incle Zach paid his brother a visit - Thought he grew better - Had much uneasiness of mind - Read in the Argus, Gen Jack sons Address to the Inhabitants of Louisiana - A most excellent production. Snow go'g fast.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th So extremely warm that our apartments needed little or no fire - Could spare no time for

reading - so busy with the pen - At night our venerable gr parent assumed more nationality & ease than since his illness. Feb 8 We felt alarmed at seeing his feet & legs swell - Dr Jonas & I were at Parsons' at night - He came home to wait on his father - No matter where I was - if I were but where I ought to have been.

592 MONDAY, MARCH 6th The snow had nearly vanished. Frost in some places entirely extracted. Dr Jonas brought me a letter from Mrs Waters dated Stockbridge, Ms 23d Feb. whish is noticed p.681. We were pleased with observing the spirit of the Editorial depart't of the G.M.Farmer of this Week. Took another tour at watching.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7th Served as waiter to the girls, who washed, & scrubbed floors. Fine day. Father Batt & Dr Jonas dressed 18 lbs flax - Visited Court House Hill - left my horse in Dr Swift's barn - called at his office to leave my whip- Mr Bliss & friend Heman present. Mr B. wanted to know when this W'g was coming on - returned a vague answer. At Pickett's
593 bought ilb tea & i/4 yd fine cotton cambric - T 9/0 - C 4/0 Put a letter into the office from cousin Ruth to her brother Clark. At Jona E's borrowed 4th Vol of Modern Europe. Dr Swift came to see G. Father at night - thought favorably of him - Uncle Sam Robinson ~~walked-with~~ watched with & pleased him mightily. Read the Bible at Parsons' respecting a part of David's conduct in the time of Absalom's rebellion - turned from this to Abraham's send ing his serv't to bring home Isaac's Bride - the contrast between that mode of transacting business, and the present, provoked laugh ter - perhaps, rightly understood, such a wicked inclination would not have been felt. My read'g closed in Robinson Cruesoe's Journal & a few other of his relations.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8th Uncle Sam staid till late this morning to cheer
594 the broken spirits of his aged father-in-law Father Batt & Dr Jonas dressed flax - Sam Batt collected 2 loads of chips where gen. Robinson's people cut their wood - 3 p.M. a short time at Parsons - the ladies told me how affrighted they were at a certain noise the last ev'g. Imlaughed at them. Cousin Ruth rode to the North. Engaged with History at night - the theme was the cruel persecution & great Naval Wars under Charles 2d in the early part of his reigh. The contemplation of these scenes was too much interrupted (with) by fiddling.

THURSDAY, MARC 9th Warm & pleas't - Worked for Dr Jonas at Parsons M.G.Watson in Co. chopping - Although the days work was no more than ordinary - it fatigued me much. Northern Lights were seen at night - Read more of C 2d Reign. Father Batt & Dr Jonas dressed flax.
595 Cousin Ruth arrived from the North.

FRIDAY,MARCH 10th Continued warm - the snow had almost entirely left the lowlands - the frost slowly giving way. Rode 1/2 a mile with gd father in a waggon - the road was extremely rough & muddy - he made most bitter complaints - in the first of it he yelled loud enough to be heard 2 miles - gradually lowered his tone, but constantily kept groaning until he alighted from the jostling vehicle. However had the experiment, we thought it beneficial to him. Worked against an ill will at chopping on the w'd pile. Father Batt & Dr Jonas again at the flax. Sam Batt lent his

aid with his axe to keep out of idleness. Seven P.M. quite dark &
cloudy. Warm wd. S. marched alone across lots, much of the way
playing on the fife, to Mr Linn Hathaway's to see Miss P.Thompson
596 respecting business in her line - She agreed to come to our house the
next Tuesday - Called at E. Young's, Post, & Printing offices - No
letters nor papers - Returned past ~~8~~9 - read the Grand Projects of
Lewis 14th King of France & of the cringing meanness of King Charles
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SATURDAY, MARCH 11 A rainy morning - In pursuit of our favorite
little dog, called Keeper, went to Capt Nortons
where I found him. Friend Luman asked me into his shop - played
him & his father "St Patrick's Day"in the Morning", and a few other
airs - My tsrry was short - Trudged home, 10 & 11 A.M. carried the
Act Book to Parsons' thinking to reckon, but he could not attend
to it - neither could we, for it was fair & we employed ourselves
(as at p.) walking about the meadows then if you will. By a blow
from the light beetle I carried with me, which was
597 not inadvertently given - our little favorite came near bidding us
"Good-bye" - I was deeply affected till I saw him out of danger.
I could not have believed but that I could have assumed more in-
difference on such a trifling occasion - but to think myself the
author of this little Innocent's destruction inspired me with
sentiments of horror - Carried him to the house - acquainted sis-
ter Lydia with the sad occurrence - she immediately applied bran-
dy to the part injured - he soon assumed his usual springhliness
& wonted animation.

Miss C. Norton & her sister, Mrs Hill, gave our ladies a vis
it this P.M. The former, I was told, read in this volume, out of
some sort of curiosity - good or bad, is more than I know or care.

A settlement was had with Mr T.C.Parsons - B. Harwood $49.32
Thos C. Parsons $52.68 Ballanced books by due bill.
598 but besides this there was a charge of $3 for cotton cloth bought
at the cotton factory, by his lady, for Lydia a gown, still his
due. which on the 12th was paid him in flax at 1/0 per lb.
Great flocks of pigeons seen.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th Father & uncle Sam went to Capt Dimmick's
woods, Pownal, & gathered a quantity of Tama-
rack balsam for their father - He applied it, but soon dismissed
it as useless - Industriousnas usual on this day - Wished to con-
tinue writing in the evening. Stole away privately my book & writ-
ing implements - carried them to Mr P's - did not appear conven-
ient to use them - therefore read the Journal till quite disgust-
ed - scribbled in an old day book picked up in the road 1813 by
Mr West - left at Mr P's no owners name to be found, but lost by
a Pownal gentleman.
599 How to be accommodated with my book in another room was diffi-
cult to be determined - feared it would look odd to Mr Cotton
(a Jour) to behold a young beau following a lady into her parlour
with a great book under his arm. Marched in, leaving it behind,
but the book did at last follow & was perused till it became a
drug. No quarelling ensued. Continued mild weather.

MONDAY,MARCH 13th Making corn brooms & , the order of the day.
Uncle Sam was chief engineer - at night they
counted 13 brooms - My etes were dreadfully inflamed by the dust
which flies off with the seeds - Read more Eng'sh History respect-
ing religious persecutions. Cousin Ruth went to live at Capt.
Jona Wheat's. Monday rainy from the S.E.

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600 From the Albany Guardian of April 23d 1808
Curious Love Letters.

Madam:

Most worthy of estimation, afte5 long consideration & much meditation, on the great reputation youmpossess in the nation, I have a strong inclination to become your relation. On your ap - probation of this declaration, I shall make prearation to remove my situation to a more convenient station to profess my admiration; & if such relation is worthy of observation & can obtain commiser- ation, it will be an aggrandization beyond all calculation of the joy & exaltation

of Yours

Sans Dissimulation.

601 THE ANSWER.

I perused your oration with much deliberation & a little cons- sternation at the great ingatuation of your weak imagination to show such veneration on so slight a foundation. But after exam- ination & serious contemplation I supposed your animation was the fruit of recreation, or had spring from ostentation, to display your education by an odd eneumeration, or rather multiplication of words of the same termination, tho' of great variation in each re- spective signification. Now without disputation, your laborious application to so tedius an occupation , deserves commemoration, & thinking imitation a sufficient gratification, I am without hesitation,

Yours,

Mary Moderation.

602 Names of persons attenfing the Wed'g , March 2d

First --- The Aged.

Capt Cyrus Hill,
Evans, Esqr
Capt Saxton Squire
Lieut Solo Safford
Mr Jesse Loomis
Eph'm Smith Esqr
with their several ladies including Wido Street.

Second --- Middle Aged

Samuel Loomis
Luman Norton,
Lyman Patchin,
Buckley Squire,
John Norton, Junr
With their ladies likewise.

603 Third ---- The Youth.

Safford Robinson,
Lucy Robinson,
Sarah Robinson.
Wm Haswell.
Dewey Hubbell,
Laura Squire,
Henry Robinson,
Mary F. Robinson,
Ruth Robinson,
Newel Squire,
Sylvia Squire,

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O. Wright & H. Swift
Lorenzo Fassett,
Turner Hill & Cyrus, Junr
Jedediah Dewey,
Polly Scott,
Joshua Gates,
Jesse Loomis Junr
Ward Barney,

over

604 Wedding Names Continued.

Bliss Loomis,
Clarissa Loomis,
Sally Loomis,
Jwrusha Fay,
Burrel Green & his cousin from Ct
Sylvester Sardam,

Copy of a Letter from Miss C. Norton.

Bennington, March 13 1815

Sir :

I flatter myself it would not be unpleasant to hear from your old friend & correspondent. If you reflect for one moment on the sur prizing scenes which she has had to pass through, you will excuse her if she could not command
605 sufficient composure to address you before now. At present I am gliding gently on the Ocean of Celibacy. On every side I behold numbers (some of whom have been the companions of my youth) passing rapidly by me in pursuit of the Sea of ~~Youth~~ Matrimony.

Though no kind being offers to conduct me, I will endeavor to keep as nigh the Isle of Hope as possible, to prevent my little Bark from wrecking on the rocks of Despair. When the sea appears sufficiently calm, for you to venture to sail, permit me to wish you a most delightful voyage. May no rude storms of Adversity obstruct your way - may contentment, the sweetness of life, be your constant companion - may
606 you never be lashed by the waves of indifference, but wafted along pleasantly by affection, & at last reach in safety the Haven of Eternal Happiness.

Your sehtiments respecting "The Wild Irish Girl" perfectly coincide with mine. With what energy has the Author endeavored to remove the stigma which is thrown (& in my view very unjustly) on her oppressed & unhappy Nation. With sentiments of esteem -

Your friend,

Mr H. Harwood C. Norton

TUESDAY, March 14th Early in the day brought down Miss Thompson to make my wedding coat & vest

607 It was such bad waggoning that I could get along no faster than the horses would walk - very muddy - but not deep - old frost nearly out - A little frozen this M'g - weather gradually became colder for several succeeding days - P.M. it storm'd. Father felt anxious to forward his business. Gen J. Gates paid an evgning & night visit here - Mr Parsons' likewise in the evg - Retired with father to set down accounts - they thought it was something relating to the wedding, but it was not so; time enough could be had for that business without spending the whole evening in conclave.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH ~~1st~~ 15th The night preceding was rendered quite

unpleasant by being frequently routed by g'd father - felt the effects of it all day - Bought
608 the half of a calfskin of B. Squire for a pair of thin shoes - going to & Fron Squires' traversed the fields & meadows to avoid mud and company - Carried materials for the shoes to Parsons, who cut them out - asked me what I wanted them for; replied - to wear in the mud/ While waiting for him to do that, went into the house to confer with Mrs P. on the projected undertaking. It was the first time I had ever broached the subject to her, which made it hard for me to begin, or indeed when begun to proceed. I thought some of asking her opinion of the match but esteemed it needless - her opinion could make no difference with the affair; & if it were unfavorable, it was not likely she would give it me in full - Said a
609 a word or two - then paused - began again, but something so strongly affected me that a dead silence of several seconds was necessary to give me time to get above it - looking steadily into the fire, having the tongs in one hand poking among the coals, all the while.

The matter of discourse was not so grave as that of thought, with me.- how it was with Mrs P. is not for me to say. It was merely how the business should be arranged that constituted this conference - agreed very well too - Greatest part of the day spent trifling. Our presence at the barn was often required. Dr Jonas rode off with Gen Gates - went to Mr Eldredge's, Pownal, to see M. H. Campbell. Grew cold fast at night.

610 THURSDAY, MARCH 16th Cold & clear morning. Dr Jonas ar'd from Pownal - Wrote a long letter to Mrs Waters of Stockbridge, Mass., never sent it - Worked at chopping. Cold - quite severe.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17th Much preparation going on for what was soon to take place. 7 P.M. at Mr Parsons' a few moments - friend Rogers came home with me - sat up with him till late - talking of persons & things near & dear to me - slept with him in grand-fathers room - Reading, quite neglected at this crisis. Mr Parsons came up with his journeyman, Mr Cotton, this evening. That was a small dark complexion'd person - someway related to Mr Joseph Norton's lady - belonged to Middletown, Conn't.

611 SATURDAY, MARCH 18 In the morning Lydia went busily about the house singing the song of "John B---k abd Sarah Ashfield" - strongly alluding to the business in view - Miss Thompson was conveyed to Hyde's by Dr Jonas - Sophia Waters brought by the same fm B.Squire's to assist in various sorts of cake manufacture - Apollos Harvey waited upon cousin Ruth down from the N. - Work stood still - so much of other business on hand. Uncle Sam's folks were in ill health - father paid him a quantity of pork (40lbs) toward his journey to Attica - Dr Jonas rode in his waggon to town - carried a publishment to the town clerk & a verbal message to Col J.E
612 Robinson Esq to have him perform a certain ceremony at a given hour in Tanbrook, Sunday Eve. Sat awhile at Mr Parsons' - all given to taciturnity - deep in thought - The Republicans held a Caucus on the Hill - Dr Jonas attended

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th 10 A.M. wrote a letter to Miss Clarissa Norton- Returned a thousand thanks for her last - the best I had ever received from her, or any other person - thought she very compliantly met her fate - If she pursued her present course, assured her she would arrive at the Haven of Happiness.

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(Now I meant by saying so to be understood that her good conduct would, combined with prudence, procure her a worthy partner)

Hoped we might either of us realize those happy
613 wishes she gave me on my future voyage. On signing this letter a fit of sobriety seized me that put on a little of the solemn for the mom't, not because I repented the arrival of the day - but because I thought it would be improper longer to correspond with a lady in her situation. Therefore signing my last, could not but give give such feelings as I have attempted to describe - Followed my usual employment - coarsely dressed - till 3 P.M. - The began preparing for the coming hour. All things ready - proceeded to Mr Parsons', accompanied by all the family, including cousin Ruth & S. Waters, except Mother who staid behind to take care of grandfather.

The Bride, neatly dressed, soon appeared - and, after some few moments of chequered deliberation, Col Jonathan E. Robinson Esq arrived. He was followed by his cousins, Sam'l and Safford Robinson, Sam'l Junr and David Ruttenboro - these were soon followed
614 by N. Dexter, B. Edwards, O.Wright & H. Swift of whom neither, the Justice excepted, were invited, nor was their company desirable, with an exception of the three first who came with Col. R.

50 minutes past 6 we were invited from the dining room into the parlour, took the Bride by the hand, walked in, and took seats on the E. side of the room by the window looking into the street - in the very place in which almost 29 years before my father & mother were pronounced "one", by Govr Robinson Esqr April 18th 1786 - the house being then in possession of Col Elijah Boardman - deceased. When we were bidden to arise & join hands the pendulum of Life began to quicken its motion to an asonishing rate - which caused a tremendous concussion throughout the whole system that rendered it almost insupportable - I do not attribute this to mere diffidence in appearing before an attentive & in some respects
615 a criticising audience, but to the solemn impression made on my mind by entering into a compact of such vital importance to me & my fair partner. Col. R. was not tedious but performed very hand somely with much ease & affability. Short as he was - I had been growing more and more the subject of quaking fear, till he concluded it, and was very happy, once again, to sink into my seat. Mrs Bride was not at all disconcerted, but passed through the scene with great composure. She said her fears had visited, & de parted from her during the preceding week. After taking seats, all was calm for a time - the Col. took occasion to put some ques tions to our young lady concerning her age, nativity &c, but this was interrupted by Dr W. who introduced the kissing ceremony - here a piece of rusticity escaped me quite unawares - omitted to rise when the ladies came up to salute the Bridegroom. This with usual amusem's closed the scene -

616 This event happened when I was 26 years, 4 months & 27 days old, & when Miss Sally Stone (Now Mrs Harwood) was aged 21 years, 6 months & 5 days. She was born Sept 13th 1793 at North Guilford, Connecticut - Her father's name was Osborne Stone - her Mother's mai maiden name was Lydia Butler - was married to Mr S. in 1774 aged and had 4 sons & three daughters, of all whom Mrs H. was the youngest. She came from Branford (N. Haven Co'y) her father's late residence, to live with Mrs Parsons, her eldest sister, on the 10th of October 1812, where she continued her abode up to this time. On the 10th of May 1814 her father suddenly departed this life in the 67th year of his age. Cold freezing weather. Snowed fast about mid-day.

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MONDAY, MARCH 20th Labor of all kinds suspended - Breakfasted with Mr P. & family - Came home

617 between 9 & 10 - wrote Lists of Federal & Republican voters in the S.E.District of Bennington. The girls were diligently employed in arranging matters to recieve comp'y in the P.M. 2 P.M. brought up my lady, who was kindly & courteously received - remainder of the day sat in the parlour among the ladies, none but our own, present - played on the violin & flute - felt tolerably composed. A body of British prisoners from Pittsfield bound to Canada passed through Tanbrook near sunset - some pretty rough looking fellows among them.

In the evening we had a very agreeable 2nd part to the wedding to which a high relish was given by the good things of this World, which we meant to serve around liberally. The cake

618 being made by our good friend Sophia was most delicious; and this lady assisted materially in procuring salvers, glasses,&c for the occasion. Those gentlemen & ladies we had the pleasure to wait upon this evening, were Elisha Waters, & Lady, gen Joshua Gates & Miss Lydia Harwood, Mr C.B.Hill, Lady & Miss C.Norton, Mr Reul Harvey & young Sam'l Robinson Junr. J.Norton Junr was invited with his lady, likewise Safford Robinson, but did not come. With this evenings entertainment we were altogether satisfied, nothing fell out to spoil it. The night was severely cold - froze hard.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21st The breakfast table being removed, Mr Parsons took sister Lydia by the hand, Dr Jonas in like manner with Miss Sophia Waters, had a lively

619 dance which they called alosing the Wedding. Dr Jonas waited upon Sophia to B.Squire's & Cousin Ruth to Mr Wheat's - Mr Harvey accompanied them. Work moved moderately. Nobody dined here but the family including its new member. In the course of the P.M. Mrs Parsons, Mr P. & M.H.Campbell, paid their respects to us. M.H.C. was urged in vain to tarry all night. For some cause or other, she would go home. Walked with Sarah, Mr Parsons & his Lady to their house. Pleased the children playing on the flute - some of them were restless & noisy from bsd colds. Raw freezing westher - a little snow covered the ground in spots.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22d Late in the morning began chopping with

620 Dr Jonas. We, at this juncture, had lambs to look after. Employed the evening in discoursing with my sisters, on their & my own features and other qualities - neither of was contented as created, but found a great deal of fault because we looked so homely to ourselves - This was profitable exhortation, especially as it related to an unalterable decree of Providence, with which we ought not to presume to meddle. Slept in gradfather's ~~ap~~ apartment. Continued cold. Snowed latter pt of the day,

THURSDAY, MARCH 23d In a profound reverie, several hours, concerning my future destiny - it amounted to no more than all such fits do - evaporated in thin air. Dr Jonas drove horses & waggon for Parsons to A.Noble's, Pownal. They called at John Choate's, whose

621 daughter, Abigail, was this day wedded to a Mr Led. They were treated with cider, and could not get sight of the Bride. Rainy, gloomy, muddy weather - Common spring birds had arrived - Father went to Mr P's in the evening & wanted to sell & remove to the Westward.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24th Our work continued at the wd pile - Sam Batt acted a part in the play. Dr Jonas rode in gent'n stile on Vigilant plans for March Meeting.

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I & S in the evening read a newspaper review of a Literary production of De Wit Clinton - it's in an March Columbian. Mr P. in low spirits - I, not far from the horrors - Much rain - cold night - frost not out.

622 SATURDAY,MARCH 25th Bright in the morning - woked on the pile. An itinerant quack, calling himself Sam Baker,from Tolland (Conn't) pretending to carry stuff with him that would preserve teeth from rotting or aching of which we purchased a small quantity for 25" called in - Said his wife had been dead 5 years - had since travelled to the West in to Ohio & various other parts, comprising a distance of 4000 miles, as he stated it. Appeared to be intoxicated. Said he was in his 47th year.

5 & 6 P.M. British prisoners marched from Pittsfield to Canada - passed along the road in a loose, irregular manner - went to Parsons' to see them - they eagerly sought after cider - a part drank 5 or 6 quarts at P's shop - wanted more but could not get it.

623 Three men of the prisoners slept at our house. Told to what Regt they belonged, but do not retain the No. - were transported from the W.Indies - 2 English & 1 Irishman - the last (ter) more lively & pleasing in conversation than the others, of whom one was a fifer. Wm Hill said he was born in Bromley,Kent,Eng'd - had been in service more than 20 years - 46 years of age - the oldest of the three - They related many particulars respecting the climate in those countries where they had been stationed - Said, since they were Prisoners, their usage had been as good as they could wish - indeed all, with few or no exceptions, gave praise tomour countrymen on this head. Many deserted, both on their march & from places where they ebcamped.

624 The main body lay at McEowens' during the night. At Parsons this evening wrote a letter to Miss Nancy Watson, Leicester,Mass. of which, I can only say, it was meant for animation & friendship - contained some common-place jokes & news of capt Harwood's removal, marriages,&c. To elude paying postage directed it to her uncle, Col Sam Watson. This finished, 3 prisoners presented themselves, desiring to stay all night -Mr P. had not arrived from the neighbors - Mrs P. hesitated - Mr P. soon after came home & took them in - they consisted of a grinning Scotch corporal, full of his talk against the English gov't, another young slim grey-jacketed Scotchman, both "Wavers" & a well turned Frenchman, born at Montpelier, ~~Canada~~. France,

625 The last would say but little, because he spoke bad English. Little grey-jacket shewed a watch, which it was said he stole from the corp'l - no one knew it then - Behaved themselves well & went to bed about 9. As late as 8 Jonathan R. brought from town our old friend,Wm Haff who had been absent ever since Oct 29th (p.443) - rode from Albany in the stage - lost his trunk (found it again, a few days after) but was in health & fine spirits - was welcomed with glee at Mr P's - We were all extremely rejoiced to see him.

But what afforded us more fun than any other occureence that ev'g was, an elderly gentleman's calling for lodging after 10 o'clock - who had brought, in his 1 horsenwaggon,3 pris

626 from Williamstown to within a mile of this place where they proposed to call for lodging; while he honestly went into the house on this errand, they made off & escaped; nothing to be seen of them when he returned to the waggon - he was in pursuit of them, they having left him without paying a cent for their passage, although his price was much lower than he could afford. Owned that he had no money, begged hard to be kept over night, wanted no supper,

would sleep on the floor, anyhow or anywhere provided his mare might have hay - swore bitterly about the prisoners, that with his other oddities, diverted us merrily. Mr P. could not entertain him, so he was off. We attibuted his misfortune to "Talking too much". Weather cold . Bad walking.

m627 SUNDAY, MARCH 26th A fine morning - Came from Mr P's 8 o'clock. Our three guests had departed without taking more than to them belonged. DrcSwift came to see gd father & brought with him a British deserter, who wished to remain secreted, till the prisoners, who were continually coming in, should be marched out of town - With this young man we were highly pleased - he appeared inoffebsive, kind, & sincere, when he spoke of the death of his Mother, it was in a feeling, sensible manner - and in relating what he knew of the operations of war, he could not be taxed with egotism or a desire to exaggerate - truth in appearance was his aim. Was taken at Ft Erie Aug 17th 1814 - one of those who were blown up by that awful explosion, & badly burnt - His ~~manner-was~~ name was Peter McHughes from within 5 miles
628 of Longford, Ireland, h ad been in service 7 years - enlisted for life - was now near 26 years of age - had been stationed in Eng'd Guernsey previous to his coming to America, which was in 1812. Had deserted their banners & meant in future to reside in this country. From all that we could discover he seemed to possess a bright, active, & intelligent mind. Took a walk with him P.M. - shewed him the cattle, young orchard &c. - he was all the while very sociable on various topics. Six in the evening my youngest sister went with me to Parson's - did not leave off the duds - Messrs Haff & Par - sons were absent - forgot the specs, could not read or write with any pleasure without - became uneasy - returned home - wrote a reply to J.Murphy - p.589 - It was chiefly an echo to his letter of Feb. 23d - Informed him respecting B. pris'r
629 Nine o'clock revisited friend Parsons & lodged there - My dear brother took me to do sharply for being so coarsely dressed-owned the fault - plead nothing in extenuation but laziness - He con - sidered it highly reprehensible to thus clad on Sabbath eve, so soon after marriage. A fine preceptor he, whose habits would author ize much greater latitude in slovliness than even I was disposed to take. Mrs ~~I~~ I'c said I looked well enough. Had been cold but grew warmer at night.

MONDAY, MARCH 27th Black, cloudy morning - heavy S. wind, began raining 11 A.M. - continued till near sun-set when a thick fog closed the day - consequently business dull, which was still at the wood p. Our friend Peter raised himself still higher in our
630 esteem by the readiness he discovered in taking hold of labor. In the P.M. he went to Dr Swift's to live. 4 o'clock Mrs P. & her sis ter drank tea at this mansion - Spent an hour in writing. & o'clock took book & flute - trudged to Mr P's - played while his honr & Mr Haff supped, and afterwards for Dr Jonas, Mr P.M.H. & Sarah H. to dance - played much during the evg. Could not read conveniently, cards were so plenty. Dr Jonas went home to watch with his father. After he went away - Mr P. whispered me to know if I thought the Doct would be angry if he should ..... I replied I did not know - after which he &

TUESDAY, MARCH 28th We had now brought our wood pile bus's nearly
631 to a close - The pile measured 18 cords, & what

lay scattering we reckoned would make the whole up to another rather more than 28. %5 P.M. went to Mr Parsons' to view another body of Prisoners, who considted chiefly of High Dutch - were conducted in superior order to those who preceded them on the 25th. They lay in the Court House during the night - Walked with J.Rogers to the Post Office - friebd Chas Jencks affected great wonder & surprise on account of my getting married without his knowing of the previous intention. Found a letter from friend Ira to father - dated on the 18th at Attica. Stated his good fortune on the road - as related p. 581 - he & the fam'y were all in health, had bought provisions sufficient to supply him till harvest - Liked his bargain - grew more & more fond of

632 the country - wanted father to sell here & purchase there - desired uncle Sam to do the same - The Smith's were in health - Luther dis appointed in not finding a letter from his dear enclosed in mine - p. 548 - In fine it was a cheering thing. I should say, dated on the 13th - Post-marked 18th - The Sons of Lib were to convene in the P.O. this evening - while they were collecting - ran over to Cushman's - Cal Sharp fiddled for some soldiers of the guard to dance - they appeared zealous in the cause - felt in infinitely higher spirits than I should in their predicament - Left the filthy bar-room - went to friend Clark's - took papers & returned to the Association - who chose the following gentlemen to fill offices annexed to their names

633 Wm Haswell, President - Martin Galusha V.Pdt - H.Harwood,Sec'y - (O what a bull - how infatuated are some bodies of men - to appoint a person so illy qualified both by nature, habit, & what is worse education to fill such a place. I am sure that a Society that has no more sagacity in selecting its officers, cannot flourish long) Safford Robinson, Treasurer - Darius Clark, H. Hall, Nathan H. Bottum & Trustees.

Joseph Shaw of Bennington & Gideon Slye of ~~Sgat~~ Shaftsbury - Standard bearers - A Hays, Mar'l - The meeting adjourned. Mr Haff came home with me - very muddy walking - talked much of the good qualities of a sister of Mrs P. & of that lady too. Ar Mr P's cards formed the

634 principal amusement - The G.M.Farmer contained a certain marriage (P. 612) Read some passages in the Bible - Retired to rest at eleven - Mr H. & I met a baggage-waggon this side Mrs Hinman's in distress, but relieved by Mr West.

WEDNESDAY,MARCH 29 The freemen of Bennington convened in Town Meeting - chose Isaac Tichenor Esqr - Moderator - 6 majority over all - Jonathan E.Robinson Esq - Clerk - 3 majority over Dan'l McEowen - Federalist - Dr Swift,Selectman Middle of the town - Abisha Kingsley, Dt David Henry - N.W. - Sam'l Blackmer N & Roger Booth S.E. part of the town - The other Selectmen, all warm Federalists, D.Henry excepted, who was supported by both parties - he was elected by hand vote - Stebbins Walbridge

635 First Constable - e obtained by a small majority over Erastus Young 5 P.M. adjourned to Apl 4th. The weather was rendered harsh by a chilling S. wind & a slight snow. Felt a degree of indifference re specting the result of the proceedings of the day - however, did not mean to omit voting for such as I esteemed worthy of Republican patronage, but I missed of doing so in one instance - When they were choosing the Selectman for the Wt part of the T - arrived too late to throw in a ballot for Major Hawks whose antagonist gained his election by a majority of only two or three. In another case I would not vote because my conscience forbade it.

636 It is supposed, if my brother Republicans had not, too many of them, imitated my sluggish conduct, that their party would have won the prize. Those who were best informed asserted that the Democratic party were really a majority of 15 to 20. It was want of attention & perseverance that prevented their triumph this day. Most of the day, was snugly seated by Caot D. Robinson's fireside in his Office ~~searching~~ reading "The Farmer's Assistant" by Judge N.York

This is a fine work - worthy the attention of every farmer in this country. In the crowd, met a few old friends - S.H.Blackmer was one - invited him to come & see me & play on the Violin. Henry Mellen (Little White Creek) another

637 with whom I talked a good while - invited him & Uriah W.Story into my retreat - there we staid nearly 2 hours talking & writing. Asked Mr M. to pay me a visit - said he would. His health had become much better when I saw him in May 1814, but could do no work yet. Story told me that he had a flute in a walking staff somewhere in the Street - I was anxious to see it. Not long after - I discovered it in his own hands encircled by a ring of hearers. I never saw one of that kind before - was willing to accept of an invitation to play on it, which accordingly I did. It being foul & in open air, the wind high, the music was insipid. A young Irish musician, a priso-

638 ner, came into the ring desiring to play. He took hold, and after making many fruitless attempts saying as often, that he was a good player, but he'd taken too much liquor, - or a "little high as you call it in this country", said he, to the no small amusement of the spectators - withdrew, marching off with an American soldier who had him in keeping. This Hibernian was a well built, handsome featured, young man - said to be as good in music as he recommended himself. Some of the gent'n whom I saw, during the day, had some remarks to offer on the affair of the 19th - none more impertinent than those from Mr Loan Dewey who appeared to imagine himself addressing one of the most excentric mountaineers that inhabit the Wilds of Vermont. He would give

639 a great deal to see my wife - said I must throw by the flute, & "Beebe" (alluding to a favorite dog I once owned) Was rather surprised at hearing of my being married,&c. Mr Haff & I came home together. The day was too hard, for father, who came home sick, - Dark in earnest ere the choars were all done. Lydia went to Mr P'S with me. The card-table was produced, which amused awhile - then they had a notion to dance - at it they flew - Haff, gen Gates, Lydis & Sarah - I played - Mr Parsons & Dr Jonas stept in, now & then. This dance was a high one. Mr Haff laid himself out in a most vigorous manner, gen Gates not far behind, and the ladies could not be said to be wanting in spirit. When this scene closed

640 cards were eesumed - I seated myself at the table, but being mon - strously ignorant of those things, no chances were there for me - quitted it in disgust - went tomplaying the flute - Lydia & Sarah soon after retreated - more dancing in the Haff inspiring stile - gen Gates gallants Lydia home - returned & a long card battle ensues which did not terminate till after the veteran Dr Jonas's withdrawal & arrival of the 11th hour.

To crown all

THURSDAY,MARCH 30 There came a frozen rain that glazed all objectd on which it fell - in consequence of this the forest exhibited a curious as well as a very gloomy spectacle, which by reason of

641 of slight snows that followed, continued 4 Or 5 days successively on the mountains,where the branches of trees became so loaded, (so I was informed) as to break off & fall to the ground. Below

a certain elevation these remarks are not to be understood to apply. The Mountains retained their whiteness through two or three days of serene sunshine - but there was a keen air at the same time, or I am sure it must have melted away sooner.

Much of this day was dedivated to composing a reply to friend Ira's letter, rec'd on the 28th. It begins with assurances of the pleasure it gave us to learn that his fortune was so favorable, wished it would always continue through life - Described grandfathers illness. In reply to what

642 he wrote about buying a cow - told him father conceived he had made a good bargain - that he thanked him for laying up his sleigh which led to observations commending his honesty & integrity, how much he was endeared to him & the rest of us by possessing a character so just & upright. It would secure him friends whereever he might go. Next he is informed respecting uncle Clark's going away; & where cousin Ruth & S. Waters lived - see p. 619 - of Dr Jonas - gen Gates &c. Late marriages - Town Meeting to the adjt - Mrs Eldredge, Mary H. Campbell - Wm Duncan's marriage &c. (p. 558) It gives Miss Leonard much credit - p 581 Lydia sent her compliments with a strong allusion to past times. Suspended writing further this day.

643 Shouldered the fiddle - went to Parsons' - Read History what time I did not fool away ? Returned & watched with gd father.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31st Continued storming - ending in snow to night - business dull - a bbl of cider was sold to Joseph Norton - added more to my letter to friend Ira - chiefly to the Smith's - gave Miss Sophia W. a good name - Played tolerably - went to Parsons' - read Mod. Europe respecting James 2d reign in England - a melancholy branch of Eng'h History.

Saturday, APRIL 1st A fair morning. 4 P.M. brought my lady in a cutter up from Mr P's to see the folks - kept Sabbath with as - snow off in low ground.

644 The letter noticed above was sent to the office by Mr House. Finished working out our wood-pile in full - see Feb 17th - Read the Cottagers of Glenburnie - an ingenious little thing, calculated for youth, while age dan derive much instruction from it.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2d So much attention was necessary at the barn that writing was pushed but tardily - Jonathan turned out the letters here like a Secretary of State. We enjoyed the day tolerably, although it snowed unceasingly. Mr Parsons & Mr Haff enlivened the company to a high degree in the evening - no displeasing effect neither.

645 MONDAY, APRIL 3d Tem in the A.M. - cleared up fine - looked for a continuance of good weather - Ice & snow still sticking to the trees on the Mt. Drew rail stuff to repair the line fence, S.E. part of the farm. P.M. worked in flax. Dr Jonas & Mr Judd assisted. They aided in helping up a sick cow which was thrown upon her back by some others that pushed her. Had she remained a short time longer in that position, her hide would have been all that we could have profited from her. With some trouble we landed her safe at the barn. A scarcity of hay prevailed with us. Went down to Parsons' with his Honor about 9 o'clock - Broad jokes were pretty free & lively - Jonathan came up to watch in my stead.

646 TUESDAY, APRIL 4th The adjourned Town Meeting was terminated.

Federal majority more than 40 - Democrats staid at home - Erastus Severance, 2d Constable, over Sam'l Lacy; Solomon Safford,Treas'r over David Fay - For Listers - Poole out-ran Saxton Pickett - Austin Harmon - Enos Rudd - Lucius H. Gibbs - Stephen Hinsdill - Green Blackmer - Perez Harwood & David Walbridge, Benj'n Webb. Paid Charles Jencks, a little demand for button moulds - bought 20" worth in different letter paper, or 14 sheets at Merchant's - came home by way of Parson's at an early hour - Read the Battle of the Boyne. Fiddle went well - moderately rainy & shockingly muddy.

647 WEDNESDAY,APRIL 5 Spent the night of the 4th with grand-father, observed it to lighten often, with a few claps of thunder, but not much rain. We were driven from splitting rails at the S. end of the farm by rain 10 A.M. 2 P.M. went to Dr Swift's on an errand - took up a pap'r in the office - nobody present, - soon fell asleep - was awked by friend Heman - saw a kind of Piterary mag azine - entitled "The Philadelphia Reviewer" - spoke with Peter Hughs who was piling wood for the Dr - asked him down - promised he'd come the next Sunday. I returned to putting in rails, it was raw,chilly, weather. Jonh Norton Junr came

648 came there with his friend Sibley - talked of the climate & aspect of the country in S'th Carolina - said great forests & swamps were interspersed all over the flat country. Messrs Brown & Parsons were both here this evening - went to the house of the latter - read of a great battle between Louis XII-XIV & the Allies where 20,000 men lay dead on the field. Gloomy w'r.

In my notes of the Town Meeting, pages 634,646, omitted setting down Democratic candidates for Moderator & Selectmen. For Mod'r Wm Henry - For first Selectman, Martin Norton Esq - L.Eleazer Hawks - 3d David Henry - 4th Perez Harwood Esq - 5th Timothy Harvey

649 THURSDAY,APRIL 6th We were led to some uneasy reflections going abt the farm mending old fences - found them low, & decaying fast without stuff to replace them except by building stone wall which we could not do under present circumstances. Old fences & old buildings, offer no very pleasing views to the possessor, especially if he be in want of means to replace them. Dr Jonas sold a pretty good horse to Mr Tho's C Parsons for $70 - Mr John Richmond buried an only son aged 10 years. In the History of Mod. Eup. traced the progress of Society, Learning and the Arts from 1550 to 1699 which was highly interesting. Calm, South m weathr. Suffered young cattle to go into the woods, hay scarce. That lady to whom I was wedded Mar 19th came here to live this day.

650 FRIDAY,APRIL 7th Carried 2 bbls of cider to Loan Fassett's, Algiers - Mr Parsons in company - waggoning rare ly worse - Me Mr F. going, as he told us, to see the Collector about his D-----d License" - Went to Allen's Tannery - saw Willy Haff -he was in good cheer- hence to Haswell's - No paper printed - Mrs Haswell being dangerously ill - Could get no paper at Young's or Jon E's Mr Marsh came down to visit gd father - dined - prayed & exhorted him Drew one more load of wood for father Batt - Uncle Sam Robinson called in after working in gen Robinson's woods for Dix the Bookseller- told some lively stories respecting Mrs Eldad's Dewey's getting a flock of geese from him. A sort of Pt day - The violin went tolera bly at eve.

651 SATURDAY,APRIL 8th In the morning the trees were covered with snow continued to storm moderately all day - Staid at E.Waters' talking with his lady, an hour in the A.M. Went there to

borrow a little spinning-wheel for my spouse, but she had none. In returning home called on friend Peter at Dr S's- solicted a visit fr him - Borrowed Mrs Watson's wheel - She asked me about writing to her daughter - p.624 - Said she had lately rec'd by letter good news from her son at Castine (Me). They appeared to be in a hubbub. Mr Caldwell's family just being moved in. Mr C. had hired the farm & house of Mr Brown for the ensuing year. Mr W. held under him.

652 SUNDAY, APRIL 9th Weather more favorable - warmer - mud began to dry up - Kept writing as usual - Prepared a letter to send to Gideon Smedley - Litxhfield - (Ct) Informed him of what happendd March 19th - that we enjoyed health - that Mrs H. would pay them a visit if possible, the patter pt of May or early in June - would like well to go myself, but could not, under prest circum's - Expressed the anxiety Mrs H. felt to see her mother, with an allusion to the death of her husband, see p. 616 - Every friendly append age that accompanies papers of this kind was carefully inserted. Spared little time for reading. Messrs Parsons & Haff came up in the evg - Jonathan here too - Mr Watson staid with gd fath'r (had a bad time of it).

653 MONDAY, APRIL 10th Plowed ditches - mended fences - Ox shoes pulled off - at this operation Messrs Watson, Parsons & Gordon Griswold were assistants. P.M. rained hard from the S'th - Cousin Ruth came from "The N'th" in a one horse waggon - tarried all night - Mr Griswold made quite a visit - He was an apprentice to Mr Parsons in 1808 - His father lived in this town till the last two or three years - Removed to Rush, Penn'a - Mr P. meant to go there in the ensuing fall - Said he was in his 27th year - A certain lady & I had a chit-chat by ourselves that gave me much delight - by her assistance

654 I put my violin in tune, she being so good as to manufacture some silken treble. The History of Mod. Europe brought me to the beginning of the War of the Spanish Succession - 1701 - 10 O'clock retired with grandfather.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11th Between 2 & 4 in the morning being called up, wrote a letter to cousin C.A. Harwood for his sister Ruth. - Complained of the weather - acknowledged the folly of it - Stated that cousin R. would be there as soon as the ways be - came settled - would employ Dr Jonas to carry her & if he should not be ready to receive her - she designed to remain at her aunt Waterman's in Columbus till he was.

655 Perused parts of my Journal - particularly p. 356. Regretted writing June, July and part of August in so rough a hand - It is matter of mortification to me that this whole book presents so great a mass of bad writing - aye, & add what is much worse, ill composition. Sitting up so long deprived me of sleep - to make up lost time, kept my bed late. The day was fine - some young calves & lambs that had been confined to the barn were put out - Grass began to prick up - Mud grew harder. Mr Brown came to to buy our oxen - offered $75 for them - being 5 years old - did not trade because we could not spare them. Three

656 P.M. walked to town on business - bought camphire, opium & ink-powder at Swift's & Hyde's - Did not know till Dan'l Marsh informed me that any other than the Camphire-tree yielded that precius gum. He told me there were several vegetables from which it was extracted At Erastus Young's where I got an Albany paper - Mr Y read in Samson's Memoirs a letter from the author to Lord Spencer, one of his Majes-

ty's Principal Secretaries of State for the Home Department, dated at N.York City, July 4th 1806 & a most ingenious thing it is. He offered to lend me the book, but I refused it on account of other books on hand.

657 Borrowed the "Budget of Wit" comprising a set of sentimental anec - dotes & bon-mots - Went over to Mr Haswell's to take the Columbian - Mrs H. very low - life despaired of - Mr H. said she was most remark ably mild & patient - retained her senses perfectly. Mr Clark's brother, Solo'n, the book-binder, would quit town for see next day - In the evening father desired me & Sarah to go into our grand-fath- ers apartment - we readily obeyed & enjoyed a pleasant hour. F Good wr. Our Budget of Wit pleased so nively. The weather became more cheering.

658 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 The weather continued fine - First began to plow- It was in corn-hills Wst of the barn. Father, Dr Jonas & Mr Judd dress'd flax - Wanted to attend an Exhibition in Algiers - I really felt anxious to go, but the business urged - the weather was good, so that in conscience I could not. Lydia rode down with Rouel Harvey & cousin Ruth. The Exhibition was a glorious good one - Mr Harvey took tea here with the ladies - Miss S. Waters being one of them - Sarah & I were at Mr Parson's in the evening - Did not stay long.

659 Thursday, April 13 National Thanksgiving, in commemoration of Peace. In a fit of anger this morning struck a young calf in such a way as to lame my hand & wrist several days - conse- quently wrote none today. My Histrory attracted most of my atten - tion. Sarah & I spent a few pleas't moments in the spinning room at Ira's old house - she spinning and I sounding the Violin - No doubt that was a wrong use of time, but it is the way in which the juvenile part of mankind are disposed to act. She shewed a letter from her mother containg an account of her father's death, in a very fair gent's hand - tolerably indicted. Fair morning. Became chilly latter pt of the day

660 FRIDAY, APRIL 14th Gloomy weather - short showers of rain, ended in squalls of snow - Retired in the evening to the spinning room in which, spent an hour with the Violin - not in the least forbodeing the sad news that I was soon to hear. Having satia- ted myself with music, returned among the family seating myself at the stand to read, when, uncle Jonas, who had been to the P.Office, came home & said he had shocking news - Ira is dead - We were over - whelmed with grief & astonishment - we could hardly bring ourselves to credit it - but it was too fatally confirmed by two letters - The one from aunt Theodosia, the other from my friend, Luther Smith. The former, dated March 26th says that

661 that, on the morning of the 22d he eat his breakfast as usual, but that, between 8 & 9 o'clock A.M. he was violently seized with an ill ness which terminated in death between 1 & 2 P.M. It mentions that one of the Doctors called the disease Colera-morbus. His pain was most excruciating, but it appears he was not totally divested of his senses, for when he was so weak as to be nearly deprived of the pow- er of utterance, he told his wife he was sorry for her. On the 24" the funeral services were solemnized by a large concourse of people - a Sermon preached by an Elder Cheney. Thus ended the career of a companion of my youth, the youngest of my grand-fathers family, in the 32d year of his age, leaving a wife & 3 children to la-

662 ment his untimely end. Catherine his eldest daughter was born March 18 1806 - Charlotte, his second daughter, born April 5 1809. His

son, Albert Gallatin,born July 3d 1814. This was second attempt in his life to set up for himself in the world, to cultivate the soil & enjoy the fruits of his own labor, but amidst dreams of future bliss, he was precipitated from life's busy scenes into the cold & solitary grave, - where, sooner or later, we who are in full health as well as those who are tortured by disease or stricken in years, must inevitably descend. By consulting p. 239 - 551 more may be seen. He possessed a generous soul which shone out in all his transactions thro' life - He tenderly & affectionarely loved his wife & family - was always industrious when
663 health would admit of it - honest & upright in all his dealings - posssessed a gay, cheerful disposition, which however was many times extinguished by indisposition - always unwilling to tease others with his own ill fortune. In fine, he was a kind, loving, partner, tender parent, faithful friend, & obliging neighbor. As a brother he could be accused of no want of sensibility or of callous indifference, & as a son always dutiful & kind. The many days I have toiled with him cultivating those fields from whence the nutriment was obtained to sustain us in our native spot up to the day of our separation, can never, while a spark of reason remains, be forgotten by me. See p
664 Friend Smith first dated his letter on the 19th where he proceeds in a gay, odd, style that at another time would have (been) been a great source of pleasantry & amusement to us - He went to the Post Office after having deposited it there, to send the next mail, and added the melancholy event above recorded, in terms shewing that he deeply shared in the afflicting wound.

SATURDAY,APRIL 15 Clear,freezing morning. My thoughts were employ ed almost incessantly on the late unhappy event at Attica. I P.M. began a reply to Theodosia - In handing what I had composed to sister Lydia, was sensibly moved - <u>not</u> because I had used any nice pathetic expressions - but to contrast
665 this occasion with former brilliant, exhilarating times - and instead of indicting a cheerful reply to a lively epistle lately received from a friend, to compose one on the <u>death</u> of that friend to a discon so late Widow in a far country - produced sensations in me more easily conceived than described. Left off work early to finish it, but, after consultztion, it was postponed to another day. Mr Pomeroy Smith came up to see his brother's letter - held a long conversa tion with him on school-keeping, education, &c.

SUNDAY,APRIL 16th Attended Divine Service along with Father & Dr Jonas - A.M. His Reverence preached from Revelations on the Prophecies. Intermission entered Buckley Squire's barn - read Budget of Wit - anecdotes respecting King G. Md and a com -
666 plete one of the Duke of Ormond & a Minister of the Gospel of the island Ila - moved round from the barn to a warmer cornerback of capt Robinson's barn - Returned late to Church. Mr Marsh talked of the Divinity of the Savior - his excellence & durability - heard but poor ly - Saw Mrs Hunt at noon - She asked me relative to our departed relative's death - desired me to mention her to Theodosia when I answered her letter. Dry, chilly, N.W. winds.

MONDAY, APRIL 17th 4 bushels spring wheat sown & plowed <u>in</u> on 2 acres of ground. <u>Good W</u> - <u>Grew dryer</u>.

TUESDAY,APRIL 18th Fine, mild, warm weather. Gardening & plowing
667 going on. Finished the letter to Theodosia which was in father's name - In substance telling her it was the opinion of

her friends here that if she could content herself, it would be best for her to continue on the premises. If discontented would bring her back, but gave her to understand she could not resume housekeeping in the house which she went from. My History informed me of the great battle at Mons, in which the Allies under Marbborough lost 20,000 men. Lucius Williston came down & made a settlement, owed father near five dollars. Received a frindly letter from cousin Clark A.Harwood - Butternuts - wished Lydia to write him - mentioned a Harwood in one of the Carolina's - a Planter. Wanted I should find him out.

668 WEDNESDAY,APRIL 19 Rainy. Devoted to writing. Read the Defect of Charles 12th of Sweden - Rise of Tory Administration under Queen Ann - their arts & intrigues.

THURSDAY,APRIL 20 Back broken spreading manure in the meadow - Grass begzn to start - grew encouraged about hay - in hopes it might hold out. Dr Jonas worked with us - a small piece of plowing was performed where the log house stood in which I am told I was born.

FRIDAY,APRIL 21st Excellent weather . Little more than an acre of Oats sown. Thought much when alone respecting my departed friend. At night retired with Sarah into the N. room at the other
669 house. Enjoyed her company with some coarse music on the Violin.

SATURDAY,APRIL 22d Dr Fay came here. Much like himself - talked cheerfully to grandfather. Dined with us - said he had lately written his son Heman should return to Pawlett soon. Short visit at Parsons'. E. storm rising.

SUNDAY,APRIL 23d Ground white with snow - Rained & snowed together - Cold, dreary, storm - Employed the old way Friend Rogers here. Sarah read a story recorded in June 1811. Journal 1811.

MONDAY,APRIL 24th All hands including Dr Jonas worked for Mr Parsons A.M. P.M. Dr J. went to McEowen's to see
670 to see "the elephant". I should have been well pleased to have gallavanted Mrs H. & my sisters to behold a curiosity so rare, but circumstances forbade it. We considered a gratification of this kind at the rate of 25" a head but ill accorded hiring considerable sums at 12 per cent. Numbers visited the ELEPHANT. There were besides a Tiger & another annimal called exhibited.

Busy in the evening perusing the G.M.Farmer as well as some part of Mrs Newell's Journal on her passage to India 1812.

I think she shows in her writing strong affection towards her mother, sisters & friends,in her native land. A Sheep was lost - lamb saved & afterwards put it in possession of Jona. Rogers. Clear, dry, cold weather. Snow cap't the mountains.

671 TUESDAY,APRIL 25th This day, had finished sowing spring grain - 17th sowed spring wheat, on half of the ground planted last year, back of the barn - about half of the remainder, being in the N., was occupied with oats, the rest with flax, & a small patch of barley - part of which being wet near the center of the field from N. to S. on the lower edge bordering on the meadow.

On 3/4 acre of ground 1 bushl flax seed was sown this day. A piece of oats likewise sown S. of Ira's house. Late P.M. plowed planting ground - thought gravely - Dr Jonas went out, horse buying, without success. In the Columbian of April 19th found a curious story of Regency Roguery in Pennsylvania transacted by a Dr Dady & others - saw in the Adventurer for 1753 4 curious extracts from Shakespeares King Lear.

672 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 Frost. Pomroy Smith & Sophia Waters were guests here in course of day - i & 2 P.M. enjoyed a fine walk with Sarah, to visit the flock at the south end of the farm - the weather extremely pleasant & warm - Observed black cherry leaves to be out - At 3 we walked to Mr Parsons' - staid with Mrs P. an hour - She said Mr S. Parsons & lady had just come home - had my writing with me. Mrs Betsey, amiable consort of Mr Anthony Haswell, departed this life, after an illness of more than a month, which she bore with Christian fortitude & resignation, aged 41 years. Leaving a disconsolate husband & numerous family to deplore their irreparable loss.

673 THURSDAY, APRIL 27 Heat quite uncomfortable - Plow kept moving - First observed apple-tree leaves this season - Wrote a short letter to Mrs Waters - in reply to hers of(March 10) Feb. 23d recd the 6th of March. Look at p. 680.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28th By Dr Jonas' direction the garden was planted - He & father worked together - I plowed alone. At night sold 4 bbls cider - 2 to Loan Fassett, 1 to H.E.Hull, 1 to Elisha B. Pratt - Read a description of Calcutta - Likewise the beginning of John De Lancaster

674 SATURDAY, APRIL 29 Dr Jonas with the oxen attended the drawing of Clark's shop, from E.Waters' tomhis house. Mid-day a strom from the E. arose, consisting of rain, some hail, & snow. Conned the pages of Bigland - News of Bonaparte's Return arrived in hand-bills - He entered Paris March 21st.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th But few warm days this month - not a great profusion of rain, nor, although cold, not to that degree it is some seasons - grain in general of a good complexion. The last storm cleared up cold. Snow lay on the mountains all day - found it convenient to draw near to the fire to write. History of Modern Eup gave an account of the suppression Of the Rebellion in Scotland - 1715

675 MONDAY, MAY 1st The house-banking was taken away. The ladies swept off the door yard. Dr Jonas & team worked for capt D.Robinson digging cellar. Mr Watson came, in the evening, & traind with gd father. In the N.Y. Columbian found a pleasing anecdote respecting placards in Amsterdam. Those censorius publications multiplied in proportion to the means used by the govt for their suppression. The mountains were capt with snow.

TUESDAY, MAY 2d Labored in friend Parsons service till past noon - Plowed a little Green north of his house which his lady disliked - there was where she dried her clothes - I promisee she should have another provided for her, but she appeared ill-satisfied with mine or her husband's engagements.

P.M. botched up old fences about the garden & elsewhere - Aid

ed Sam Batt in getting a load of wood - had poor success looking - whip-stalks for one as cross-eyed as I am. Looked in Bigland in the evening where he writes of Sicily. With all its good qualities I like my country better than I do that.

WEDNESDAY,MAY3d 1815 My father & I spent the day working over post & rail wall which stanfs between pastures on that beautiful round hill which we march over in going through the fields to Capt Norton's - we found it in low condition without being able to better it much - needed rebuilding - some of it had stood 17 - some 15 years. I am no hgreat admirer of this kind of fence. The details of Bona't arriv'l at Paris came to hand.

677 Another cold E. storm came on. Dr Jonas went abroad without success looking for a horse to buy.

THURSDAY,MAY 4th Short cold showers of rain withnintervening flashes of heat. We built stone wall on the S. line of the farm, a few rods E. of where the brook in the spring crosses it so furiously from the mountain - on the 28th of Aug 1814 vast quantities of coarse gravel, earth & stones were brought down by it; & at some little distznce north, is that vast ditch running from S.W. to N.E. which has been opened within 20 years by spring floods & extraordinary freshets. This wall we now raised was joined to, or rather a continuation of what had been

678 built in 1809, but not of that height, for we elevated it no high er than common post & rail wall putting 2 rails a-top - the more effectually to guard against sheep & to save expenses in erection

With my lady invited in the evening to Mr Parsons' - read in that heap of Modest rubbish intitled - "Anecdotes and Bon Mots, Historical & Literary" which I carried with me, some pleasing things Dark night.

FRIDAY,MAY 5th Chiefly employed harrowing ground to plant. Father re-built that board fence on the left as you go from the house down the lane. Dr Jonas ploughed E.Waters' garden. Compleaated reading 4th Vol of M. Europe. Fair & cold.

679 SATURDAY,MAY 6th Resumed the wall - There was a frost the last night. S. winds blew up clouds that spattered rain and threatened more all the P.M. Cold, backward, cloudy, weather kept vegetation stationery - no trees of any kind perfectly in leaf - so far from it that they barely offered a green hue. Hay exhausted so as to retain only enough for the team - pasturage poor - close times for making butter - Warmer weather, thoroughly desired - I am not explicit enough on trees - there were but very few of them leaved out, on the contrary, the barrenness of Autumn & Winter still appeared. Our winter grain by some means or other had been thinned.

680 SUNDAY,MAY 7th The storm continued - more wind than rain. Cheerless weather. Uncle Sam Roinson with his lady & youngest son Heman came down to see us. Aunt Sarah being tah taken ill they all lodged here. Reuel Harvey brought cousin Ruth from Wheat's & a present from his mother of a few green-apples, which we gladly accepted. Performed the usual routine of writing, read a few pages besides. Gathered up some papers of a private nature over which Sarah looked with pleasure. Geographical researh was my evening amusement. I proceed now to nitice letters mention ed P. 592 - 673. Widow Waters

681 wrote me from Stockbridge, Feb 23d 1815 ma ny particulars that I sha

shall not transcribe - Rejoiced at the return of Peace - her brother in-law, Rewey, was there - talked of going to live with him - Had seen a certain widow,that when a girl, had formerly lived along with her mother, belonged to Sheffield - deformed in her feet. This lady she brings forward to introduce us to a character, with whom she rode home in October 1814 - whose name may be found page . The widow in question had lived in the neighborhood of the gentleman - knew him & his 2d wife perfectly well - She was a pious, good woman but he was loose, unfaithful & incontinent. The Wido said he had
682 kept M.B. with him a long time - she had had a child by him. More than all that M.B. once had a black husband .Adds that this lady was a person "of strict truth". With this letter I proceed no farth farther, except giving the name of that officer spoken of p. which I never saw before - suspect the spelling is wrong - Lieut Mormit. In reply I was brief - informer her of Ira's death - that those characters above were understood here, but I could hard ly credit the story of the Black - thought it originated in her having a dark-complexioned white

MONDAY,MAY 8th Held on raining from N.E. very cold till mid-day. Uncle Sam butchered, "the fatted calf" before his departure. I cut up 61b logwood
683 for "My Wife" with a dull ax. Before 12 went off to mill in a waggoncalled at the Bennington Book Store - to get a grist for father Batt - I was too near the Post & Printing Offices not to visit them - Farmer & Columbian I obtained - borrowed 2 Autoras of Judge Robinson but found no letters - The stage came in from the W. while I was there, but brought nothing important. Travelling continued dreadful - could only walk the horses on this errand. This remark on travelling generally applies to all parts of the country. Past 2 P.M. arrived from mill - Mr Parsons talked of conducting the ladies to town with the
684 with the horses & waggon, which delayed my reaching the field where father was working alone digging materials for wall - Parsons nor the ladies did not go - Found father quite impatient - had not long to stay - Erastus Young sent his young Mulatto boy, only 8 years of age, (as the boy told me) to get 1/2 bushel of wheat which I went down to measure out. This evening read Jackson's reply to an address from the City Military of New Orleans - a production full of excellence.

TUESDAY, MAY 9th While at breakfast this morning received a letter from Clar k A. Harwood. I present a copy.

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Schenectady, April 30th 1815

Cousin Hiram : I rec'd yours a few days since, in the town of Butternuts. I congratulate you on your entry into the field of Matrilony, but am very sorry that those happy moments should be alloyed by bad weather. However if I have a correct idea of Matrimony, the weather, good, bad, or indifferent, cannot be any impediment. I wish that a fit of curiosity would once attract your brain
686 & influence you to visit this State. I am here on urgent business for a gent'n in Butternuts who is sick. I return to-morrow. You have, ere this, rec'd my last - I shall commence keeping house in June - Give my love to all our relations & Mrs Harwood.
And accept the respect & esteem of,

Your friend & Relation,

C. A. Harwood.

We commenced walling, but were driven from the ground by the rain which began before or past noon, succeeding a fair morning that almost banished the idea of bad weather - Visited Rich's Castle - he offered a soldiers shaving box with a glass to it, but I did not buy.

687 An aged man, of neagre looks, who attempted to wear the appearance of a Quaker, gave us a call in the P.M. I got into a dispute with him on Bonaparte's late assumption of his authority, in which he shewed his Federalism, & on the climate of the country, wherein he maintained that the more a country became cleared of wood the warmer the Winters. I thought not; that ii winter it would be colder but in summer, warmer - Quebec, he said, was not as cold as formerly, for he had been there many times since the Revolution, when he went to bury away his father, at which time it was intensely severe - I left him in the midst of the Dialogue.

688 Froend Rogers had the goodness to watch with grand-father this night - He appeared to enjoy a fine flow of spirits - Visited our new neighbors at Mrs Hinman's, playing on the fife to their children under the piazza.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th A promising frost greeted our morning view - a pleas't but cold day followed - We wwre again throwing up wall - Capt Norton came past us as he had been up to drive off Mr Brown's sheep from his wheat - related a few good bonmots. Sarah & I, this evening, walked to Mr Parsons - had the flute with me - brought home the Argus, containing some more particulars concerning Bona.

689 THURSDAY, MAY 11th Clouded up thick in the morning - rained about 11 A.M. Broke up walling & plowing. Read in the Columbian a more interesting detail of Bonaparte's journey or flight to his Capital than I had before seen. Continued extremely backward & cold.

FRIDAY, MAY 12th Wind again South - another storm arose - rained till late in the night. Stuck to our wall till past 12 - The P.M. was employed in reading, & shelling seed-corn. Sophia Waters paid her respects here.. My lady, I found in low spirits, ~~for~~ from

690 which I exerted myself to rally her, & had the pleasure of partially succeeding - We enjoyed that kind of happiness which can result only from mutual esteem & confidence, in our retreat this evening. Dr Jonas went to take his farewel visit with our friend Mary West.

SATURDAY, MAY 13th We compleated that fence or piece of fence described p.677, 17 rods in length, reaching as far as our part of the fence on the line extends. For the benefit of the Orchard some chip-dung was spread about the roots of the trees. P.M. Dr Jonas went in ~~great~~ quest of a horse - bade him get me a few newspapers, but he neglected it. Sold 1/4 bbl

691 cider & bushels potatoes to Stephen Harwood Jun. Very troublesome time with grandfather, who had an attack. Mended old fences. Held on cold - no rain - dry N.W. wind.

SUNDAY, MAY 14th Studied Bigland on Denmark & Austria. Wrote as usual. Had a lively dialogue with Sarah concerning past events. Mr Haff & Mr Parsons came to see us at night - Dr Jonas walked home with his cousin Lovicy Harwood - nothing seen of him till morning about sunrise when he said he came from Algiers.

The cold exceeded anything commonly experienced at this season

here.

692 MOMDAY,MAY 15th The night had been extremely cold - ground froze firm - wind high & harsh from N.W. - continued from that point through the day - the sky obscured by thin smooth clouds - This did not prevent us from pushing business for planting. Dr Jonas planted garden beans - went to town in the evg borrowed E. Young Sampson's Memoirs, relative to troubles in Ireland, 1798 The current of vegetation appeared to set hard against the impending cold weather.

TUESDAY, MAY 16th The sun arose red as blood - it was of a bright yellow afterwards while visible
693 caused by the atmosphere being loaded with vapors - 5 P.M. bright Sun-dogs were seen - a signal for boisterous weather - cold morning-ice an inch thick in open vessels in which water stood - air continued cold & chill through the day. Sam Batt & I made a serious mistake in furrowing - I say Sam Batt andlL ; but I suppose the blame all justly attaches to me - Sam being only horse-guide & young. The furrows estended too wide apart - the space between some exceeded 4 feet. I was deceived - intended & really thought the distance not much over 3-1/2. I took a different method to execute it from
694 what I ever had before. Of a light plough only retained, without irons, the left side throwing aside the mould-board & one handle - barely making a mark - which in point of distance (as I conceived they must appear wider apart than they really were) was what made me commit so essential a blunder - Dr Jonas took an awkard old plow - the share on - & worked 2/3ds of it over again - as it should have been - Potatoes were planted in the garden - Put 5 qts salt petre bring, in which was dissolved 6 oz ot Saltpetre to half a bushel of corn to plant after soaking 12 hours.

695 WEDNESDAY,May 17th About 10 A.M. began to rain from the S.E. - Cloudy, all day, with showers. Commenced plant ing corn, but the rain put a stop to it - Invited Mr Downs, his son Isaac & J.Rogers to assist - they all came - staid perhaps an hour. Drew a load of wood for for father Batt. Mr Brown arrive from Connecticut - brought me a letter from Mrs Waters - a reply to mine of April 29th p. 673 wherein she(speaks) writes feelingly on the subject on the Death of Uncle Ira. - congratulates me on my being married, &c. Mr B. likewise brought other letters from her father, heself & sister Sarah to E. Waters. Some kiids of tame plumb in full bloom.

696 THURSDAY,MAY 18th Ploughed Mr Parsons' garden 2d time - assisted P.M. to finish planting corn. To know more of the field turn to p. 362.

In the early part of the evening, there being a bright moon, the resollection of past rural & happy scenes, which I had enjoyed with my departed friend & uncle, especially during Autumn, was brought fresh to my mind while taking a few turns in the Orchard N'th of the house, playing on the fife. Indeed there is scarcely an inch of the farm but that some way or other causes me to think of him. Sat down to peruse Sampson's Mem's but grew dull - laid them away - Continued raining.

697 FRIDAY, MAY 19th A cold storm of rain came early from S.E. - frustrated a plan for going to Troy - continued till 11 o'clock. The wind blew harsh & chill, whether "rain or shine" - the cold uncomfortable - trees, grass & other vegetables

stationary - of a sickly countenance - Deep the gloom spread o'er the these dreary days. Dr Jonas sought him a load among the Merchant's to bring from Troy - found one - borrowed, for the purpose, a horse of Mr Brown . My father, & his son, rebuilt an old rail fence. S. side of the corn-field of 1815

698 SATURDAY, MAY 20th Foggy morning - Dr Jonas started for Troy with 14 bushels wheat. Fog ascended the mountains rained moderately - expected more - but in the P.M. clouds were broken - extremely cold - air felt like snow - trees on the high parts of the Green Mountains white with snow - chilling, piercing breezes from N.E. - All hands astonished to witness weather so cold. Perhaps the oldest persons among us never saw it colder so late in the season. Most forest trees naked - pastures parched, or, if that is incorrect, very little grew in them to sustain the flocks & herds turned upon them. Carted a few loads of a precious kind of manure which we distributed among the corn fields

699 Grandfather received a visit from his brother Zachariah - Our ladies went to Mr Parsons to see Mrs P. Nine o'clock marched down there playing on the fife to get friend Jonathan to watch with gd father - Door fast - all retired - Came home - Watched with him myself - slept well too - Widow Cady, consort of the late Cornelius Cady, died nine in the morning - aged 80 years - Sat up till past 11 - writing Jour'l.

SUNDAY, MAY 21st After the chill of the morning ceased, there being a white frost, Summer fairly broke in upon us - how fast everything changed - what wonders were wrought by a few

700 hours warm sun. Our seasons this year bear a near resemblance to those of Sweden - where the transition from Winter to Summer - & from Summer to Winter, is almost instantaneous. Sarah & Diademia sewed together many of my newspapers - In the files for June 1814 (Nat'l Intel.)read the scene of Napoleon's departure from Fontanbleau. Messrs Watson, Parsons & Caldwell were here early in the evening - Among other employments perused Sampson's Memoirs - liked his plain narrative much - The more I read the more interested I felt. Sarah & I walked to Mr Parsons' in the evening - read Sampson all the time were there - Mr Haff was good enough to come home with us & watch with gd father. Dr Jonas ar'd late from Troy - got 14/s Yk for wheat.

701 Monday, May 22d A half acre of well manured, well ordered ground, 2d time planted, with about 20 bushels potatoes - a few rods from Ira's house - South bank of the brook, over against the South Orchard - See p. 283, 489 - In planting followed the rule adopted page 283. Dr Jonas late P.M. after an unsuccessful horse hunt assisted us a few hours - How good the weather - how pleas't the evg - strung a piece of excellent treble that Dr J. bought me at Troy.

TUESDAY, MAY 23d Botched up old fences round the "Hog past'r" Dr Jonas, off horse hunting. N.Y. Col'n of May 10th contained gen Lambert's official ac't of New Orleans battle, Jan 8 1815

702 The presence of Mr Brown, Mr Parsons & Jonathan Rogers enlivened the evening a good deal. Mr B. watched. No great felicity derived from bowing - Soft breeze from the S.W. - its influence <u>felt & seen by all</u> with great pleasure. The pastures of this farm were

prematurely fed, hay being scarce - none of any consequence being, at this date, on hand, which gave them a look of extreme poverty - nowise agreeable to be sure.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th We mended brush fence till 11 A.M. Dr Jonas carried Lieut Sheldon to Williamstown. P.M. rail-stuff was drawn out - Mrs Parsons was an P.M. guest. Mr Parsons watched at night, although there was, as there had been, some time, little need of watchers.

703 Proposals for publishing "THE American Magazine" I read in the N.Y. paper - liked it well, as recommended - H.G.Spafford, Editor - Handsome, growing westher.

THURSDAY, MAY 25th Ashed the flax - P.M. washed sheep in Parsons' pool - in number 28 exclusive of lambs - whole number in the morning - 30 - Mr Parsons & Jonathan assisted. By unskilfull management on the part of Mr Brown, who officiated in sr surgical tactics this morning, or some other reason, an old male of the flock was deprived of existence. Mr Parsons helped pull the wool, and took his hide for skinning, after which his remains were decently interred.

704 The ladies received the company of Mrs Watson & Mrs Caldwell this P.M. - Dr Jonas arrived late, or about 8 in the evening, from Williamstown, with a Mr Greene - a very sociable, pole, gentleman - formerly from Hartford, Conn., who lodged here. The Mediterranean Squadron left the Harbor of N. York on the 18th - sailed from Sandy Hook the inst. Columbian of May 17th or 20th contains some London accounts from France 26th of Nov., very interesting to the friends of America - Shewing the sentiments of the French respecting English & Americans.

Many fluctuations in the weather which settled down to cold at the day's end. Red-cherries in full bloom

Dr D.Ransey agd 66 died at Charlestown May 8

705 FRIDAY, MAY 26th Conveyed with cart & oxen a load of Spanish hides to the Woolen Factory, Algiers, where they were run through the Fulling Mill to render them pliant - During this operation had much leisure - Brush, the Clerk, & another youth were learning music. Mr Stern's presented me a subscription for purchasing musical instruments, which I could not sign, as our affairs were, at this juncture - Went to the Post Office - on the way saw Sam Dewey clearing a garden spot of stones & rubbish, & capt Squire bushing garden peas, below Col Frey's - At the office were no letters - Sam B. Young was there reading a piece of News Letter - Poetry on Spring - which he read with sarcastic buffoonery.

706 No flatter production ever ought to appear in public or private - Talked with the P.M. about subscribing for Spafford's Magazine - Past 3 P.M. returned to the Factory - observed the amazing quantity of blossoms put forth from the surrounding orchards - 6 o'clock going home saw Dr Wright, who said he should soon leave town to go to parts, he knew not where - appeared to set a value on the acquaintance he had formed with me - I reciprocated the compliment - he requested I would call on him if ever I went where he was - Wished him to do the like by me. Promised each other to write.

SATURDAY, MAY 27th Apple trees in full bloom - Fine warm day. Unule Sam came here Friday evening - performed a neighborly kindness this morning, after which I went home with him & assisted in compleating his planting - Part of his ground

was near the river which he manured in the hill ~~p~~ not well ploughed - full of little pebles - rather nice about covering the corn - had 2 little patches W. of the road - N. & W. of the house - these hendid not manure. This being done - 4 p.m., put in with his brother Safford on a piece of greensward E. of their old orchard - very sidling - planted a few bouts - Young Baker, son of D. Robinso Jun'r returning from school joined us - told ~~me~~ he was 12 year old March 4th

708 Besides his 3 sons, Sam'l, Nathan, & Henry, Uncle Sam had ~~P~~age Haynes to work for him - a youth of 18, fond of miscellaneous conversation - a noise would not disconcert him, but I have no ill to write of him. As I came home - called on the hill - Mr Clark shewed me his brothers book binding - executed neatly - Saw a man riding, to & fro, about the street - endangering himself & others- at length he was upset - but no bones broke. No news in the papers

SUNDAY, MAY 28th Warm, dry day - rain wanted & looked for but none came - Felt rather uneasy - health incomplete - Pursued the Journal - Pleased with Sampson's Memoirs. Capt Waters called - drank a little cider.

709 Sarah & I walked to Mr Parsons - Dr Jonas came there - invited Mr P. to go with him to Mr Caldwell's - while the latter prepared to walk the former pushed down Tan-brook - no more seen of him that day - Walked - reading Sampson - with Sarah & 'Damia, after the cows, almost dark - Wrote a letter to James Waterman & his wife to acquaint them with the death of Uncle Ira - delayed writing till now waiting for Dr Jonas to start on his Western journey - it appeared that he would not be ready very soon - despatched this per mail - Grandfather's case formed a part of the subject - late deaths & the marriage Of Will'n Durrell to Mary Forbes the rest.

710 MONDAY JUNE 29th Fine, timely, shower attended with thunder this morning - greatly needed - gratefully received. Sat playing on the flute a few moments at Mr Brown's - Charles Capron lay sick in the same room - Returned to sheep-shearing - out of 28 sheared 4 - began late. Dr Jonas good at that - father middling - Whole number sheared 30 - two not being present this day - with some pulled wool the quantity produced this year, between 90 & 100 lbs. Late in the day a little spot of ground ploughed for father Batt, by father & me. Dr Jonas arrived late in the morning from his lodgings in the East.
Good Weath'r lasted 2 or 3 days about this time.

711 TUESDAY, MAY 30th Scare-crow made & suspended from a gallows - polls stuck up - the bark dangling in the corn field - Corn up & coming up. Dr Jonas walked up with me to poll wall, buit West side of the improvements in 1806 - returned to the house through the young orchard - examined the last year's grafts - doing well - wheat thin. Mr Aaron Green, of Williamstown, dined with us - Dr Jonas passed his word to Henry Fassett for him, for the sum of $3.50" P.M. Father & his household worked on the road. Past 6 a lampblack pedlar from Colchester, Vt., came along - bought a paper for $00.10" Mr Parsons purchased a quantity of it - the old gent said it was the best kind. Witherly Wittum ~~was~~ went past us to the N. Said Rexford had returned fr the Army.

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712 WEDNESDAYM,MAY 31 Father, being Surveyor of Highway, having called our the District, commanded personally in the S. while Dr Jonas with dignity presided in the N. - Operations - from Parsons' hill to the Two-mile stone S. of Blue Hill.

The backwardness of the season astonished every one from the 1st to 21st cold without the intervention of sarcely a warm day - Some favorable weather occurred in the latter part of April which made the buds swell - other things started - early in the month scattering trees faintly appeared green, but the cold would not per mit them to flourish - so with every green thing - But the sudden breaking forth of fine weather produced extraordinary effects

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THURSDAY, JUNE 1st A high S.E. wind kept the Surveyor and his part of the districr, off the road in the A.M. Those in the S. worked - All were out in the P.M. - had no interruption. The Hill S. of the milestone, repaired - Worked beside Mr Rich, who happened to be very clear from liquor - told me he was one of those unfortunate prisoners on board the Jersey Prison Ship - Related an aggravated case in the death of John Eels, only son of a Chaplain of the American Army - of Middletown, Conn. - a bold, persevering, generous whig - Could I do it justice, I would write down the story, but I am not master of language to describe a scene so horrid - those acquainted with the history of those transactions can form some idea of what was done in such instances .
S.E'r contin'd - Heavy in spirit.

714 FRIDAY, JUNE 2d The S.E'r had not ceased - rained & dispersed all the highway hands - But we, in this quarter, resumed it again in the P.M. Mr West & Mr Rich were with us. Drew an order for Mr Noah Downs on capt Norton for $2.50 for high-way work. Sarah, early in the evening, withdrew to the spinning room to card - We had a little bit of a dialogue - No reading this night.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3d Dark Morning - a few showers in the course of the day - a day principally devoted to gardening Sarah & 'Damie took special care of a bed of flowers - One of our itinerant cider visitors dropped in about 6 this P.M. having as much as he could carry - requested a draught of cider -

715 Mother replied, we had none for him, guessed he had enough already He said he was a Southern man - complained of the Yankees - promised if he could be served with some cider, he would go immediately away, whereupon a half-pint was given him - he found fault on account of illiberality. I joined with him in condemning the character of the New Englanders, which pleased him much. Having business at Mr Parsons' flattered him off - accompanied him to Blue Hill - ask ed his name & place of nativity - said his name was John Patten of Morristown, N.J. had a family of 6 children & formerly a wife - Was a soldier of the Revolution - belonged to Col Seth Warner's Regt fought at Bennington & at Stillwater - knew Capt.,afterwards Col., S. Robinson, Lieut Col Sam Safford, Joseph Safford & others. Bred a farmer - in his 17th year in B. Battle.

716 SUNDAY, JUNE 4th Walked to Church with my Lady & sister Lydia - During intermission - in search of a place where I could securely read without being disturbed Or being dis-covered & thought vain of singularity, walked through Esqr Moses Rob inson's garden, which was in clean order - saw piony, fleur de lis & other flowers that had lately put forth - Left here - passed down the road to gov'r Tichenor's first gate - entered it - crossed

his court-yard from E. to W. laid my course round the back side of his house over a board fence into Gen Robinson's pasture - seated me besides the gov'r wood house reading the N.Y.Columbian - at the end of half an hour returned by way of Gov'r T's garden, which was also very neat & clean, to church. Had a nap in
717 in time of service - 3 or 4 P.M. Mr Marsh ended his sermon - having dwelt wholly in both his sermons on the 2d coming of Christ - Between 6 & 7 visited Mr Caldwell's - Mr West, Dr Jonas & Mr Parsons present - Mr Caldwell read, in excellent stile, a statement of the case vetween gen Jackson & Judge Hall of N. Orleans.
Fine day - Growing season for grass & grain.

MONDAY, JUNE 5th Father crossed the Green Mountain with a few head of sheep & lambs in company with Mr Brown who drove likewise a few. Dr Jonas split out some bass-wood rails - Assisted him & Lydia too slightly at clearing the upper part of the house. Helped Sam Batt get a load of wood in the rain. Rather a rainy P.M.

718 TUESDAY, JUNE 6th Mr Batt came on to white-washing - the house in a very unsettled state - Went off to training between 10 & 11 - The company paraded late - Capt Blackmer ordered parts of the Militia Act read by which in imposing fines he should be guided & its provisions he considered himself bound to enforce. Marched, to & fro, awhile, & then dismissed one hour. My friend, Peter Hughs found me in the crowd - very sociable in his lively way - took me into McEowen's & treated me. Thos Fessenden rode on the backs of 2 horses standing - the distance of half a mile full gallop. The company again assembled - marched & counter-marched - had good music from boys dressed in red coats - Sam Blackmer for guide - Dismissed with thanks & threats of
719 of fining, if not better equipped, & that was right, however painful it might be to the feelings of the capt. While at McEowen's in the morning looked over some books - saw the Criminal Recorder, Farmer's Assistant, Dickinson's Geography, & other works.
Moderately warm, slight rains. Father & Mr Brown returned from Wilmington. Mr B. tarried with grand-father.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10th Wednesday, began to hoe a little. Father & Dr Jonas went to capt Norton's laying over old wall. The P.M. was black, chilly, cloudy & some rainy - Visited Capt N's myself late in the day. Thursday morning, rode to town on horseback - had not rode that distance for a long time - adjusted a little mistake at Hyde's - ordered a notification for a meeting of the Sons of Liberty - paid
720 Elihu Fuller 81 cents towards cutting out my wedding suit - Worked this, & the 2 following days, at Capt Norton's along with Father, Dr Jonas & Black Dan who rebuilt a piece of post s & rail wall, first laid by Solo Gibben - instead of posts & rails, sawed hemlock posts & boards were introduced, which with a addition of 1/3d new wall, caused it to be very strong - the stones were draen from heaps & so small in size that they were called birds-eggs. The fence is on the N. side of Capt N's lane.
Sometimes John Junr - sometimes Zadock Sibley worked with me - Had a political discussion with the former - found him inflexible in his opinions, which he founded on evidence pointed against his country's honor & fair fame. Dan was extremely sociable, full of pertinent remarks on many characters with whom he was acquainted.

721 Cold most of the time in these days.
Not Thursday, but Friday morning, I went to town, as stated p.719
Had carts & oxen with us in this service. Saw apple blossoms at this date.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11th Finely enjoyed the day, reading, writing & walking in the fields with my lady. Agreeable weather.

MONDAY, JUNE 12th The worms had begun to eat off our corn; to prevent them from doing further injury, ashes were applied to every hill, except 1/3d of the field where they had not worked & where the corn looked best. Father had determined on going to Attica. Some leisure was devoted to writing a letter to Elisha Smith. The preceding night spent with grandfather - felt poorly - teeth ached.

722 TUESDAY, JUNE 13th Went, latish, with a team to work at capt Norton as on Friday & Saturday. Mr Champney became my fellow laborer - Stated his age at 28 - married at 21 - had 4 children - had seen severe sickness - came to this neighborhood, on Mrs Hinman's Riley place 17th of April - A smart, industrious, good disposed man. Those worked on the wall mentioned p. 720. About 11 A.M. rain sat i & drove us from our work - the fence being nearly compleated - Staid after dinner, sometime in the shop - A. M. Stone from Arlington took off a load of ware - Saw several orders from merchants in different towns for ware, yet to be answered.
This was a fine, warm timely rain.

723 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th Began breaking up 15 acres for wheat. Dr Jonas commenced driving the team, but they behaved ill He left them to bring on a beast more docile - Law awhile upon my oars, being impatient - resumed business again along with Sam Batt - No change made in the team - dismissed Sam till P.M. Father holding plough the remainder of the day - Sam B. driver P.M. - Dr J. & I hoed garden. He went to Algiers expecting to see his horse, but no horse came - Likewise disappointed in not obtaining a 1 horse wagon of E. Young. Lucius Williston having made use of iron axle-tree & boxes provided by Young to finish one for him which he was going to sell to Dr J.

724 THURSDAY, JUNE 15th Father ploughed - Sam Batt, driver - Dr Jonas & I hoed corn - Jonathan Rogers who had lately wounded himselfin his right thumb rode horse for us a little while in the morning. Mrs Rice paid us a visit. Her brother Reul brought & carried her away. Pricked tunes for Mr Smith, Attica,
Neat growing weather.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16th Mr Rich, Mr Downs & his son Isaac hoed here till about 11 A.M. when rain put a stop to work - Is Watson Jr rode horse for me - Felt dull on account of laying in grandfather's room the night preceding. Father & Sam Batt left plowing when it began raining. Not much rain till near night when a short heavy shower came up.

725 ~~Mr-Murphy-~~
SATURDAY, JUNE 17 Mr Murphy spent 2 days with us. Dr Jonas was sent to Algiers with the old mare & colt.
Friday night he bought a 1 horse waggon of Mr George Godfrey for 40

dollars - In this father calculated to take his journey. Father ordered me this morning to take Mr Brown's spavin from the highway, there having been some understanding between them on the subject. Mr Brown being now absent on a journey to the North, & put him in our team - It was done & he worked well - Much better than Mr Watson's which we worked the first & 2d days - agreeing to pasture him for his work, but we were sorry we had taken him in as Mr W. had desired we would not work him but put him in our best keeping, when Mr B's horse could do so well

726 Walked to town with Mr Murphy to attend a meeting of the Sons of Liberty. They had met & transacted their business - appointing a cm Committee of Arrangements for the Fourth of July. The Band of Music played at Cushman's - Went to Darius Clark's - obtained a columbian of June 10th - French Constitution and other articles therein - Capt Lacy I saw there - Mr Clark shewed me a handsome volume of the National Intelligencer that his brother had bound for him - the work suited me - Good warm weather continued. Paid up Elihu Fuller - price 92 cents for cutting a suit of clothes - p.720 - Lay this night in the kitchen to avoid the noise of grd father while watching but gained nothing, for he followed me - had no fire in his room by accident.

727 SUNDAY, JUNE 18th Having passed a restless night & having a bad cold, my health was impaired. The weather was, I think, warm. My employment as usual but no so intense as in good health. Father & Ruth made dispositions for their journey.

Finished my letter to the Smith's - It begins to Friend Elisha - wrote him that myself, partner & others of the family, grandfather excepted, were in health - Made remarks on the death of friend Ira - Noticed the progress of capt Norton & Sons in accumulating property - That John had lately entered into company with his father & Luman - Beaux & Belles scarce - Corn & other grain backward - first late - Perhaps something else not recollected - concluded what was directed to him by pricking

728 the notes to "Money in both pockets" "Richard's Hornpipe", "Marionett Cotillion", "Belile March", "Frisky" & "King of Prussia's March".

What was addressed to Luther is badly recollected, but this is certain - In his & Elisha's I endeavored to inform them of the several situations & health of their nearest & dearest friends as far as I knew - Mrs Laura Hill & S. Waters were present when it was nearly finished. Dr Jonas absent in the East this night. A visit was made by uncle Sam Robinson & his lady.

MONDAY, JUNE 19th Father set out for Attica to go & settle his brotherds estate & provide for his widow & family Cousin Ruth went with him to Butternuts, intending to reside with her mother, brother & sister. I had been another night deprived of usual rest, which with other circumstances

729 rendered me dull, sleepy & melancholy. Carried on hoeing 'till 11 A.M. - then it began to rain - Mr Downs, Isaac D & Mr Rich assisted Father left his affairs in charge with uncle Jonas - had his waggon (which was lately bought of G. Godfrey) & harness - wanted his horse to go with, but Hull had not yet produced him. He took with him his ancient & faithful Nancy to perform this journey. I would mention that we closed the day ploughing.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 20th Plagued with holding old ploughs - made it go better by borrowing one of Capt Norton, but this gave me no pleasure, being dull, & set to run off too much. Dr Jonas performed as driver. The hottest day seen this year. Wn Nelson, Tinker, from Zoar, Mass., did some
730 some work & dined here - Rather cidered - full of nonsencical puns - guessed our ages - some he hit - some he missed widely - I got a draught of Beer at Capt Norton's 6 P.M. - saw there his daughters Mrs L. Squire & Mrs L. Hill, the former with her child - Likewise Miss Waters.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st The A.M. & parts of The P.M. as warm as the day before. Plough dull - team hauled off - all my pleasure spoiled - fatigue & dullness followed of course. Walked to Mr Parsons' with Sally, who expected to meet her mother there, but she did not appear. My friend Asa Doty 2d brought his lady wih with him & made a fine P.M. visit - played the violin.

I should have highly relished it could it have been anway convenient to be present. Capt Waters staid all night with us.

731 THURSDAY, JUNE 22d Hoed along with Mr Rich, who was extremely sociable - related what he recollected of Monmouth Battle - gave fragments of the history of his life - was formerly from Middletown, Con - knew Major Bowers there - who was then in high standing in respect to property, became reduced by obliging himself to pay other mens debts. I was so unaccountably heavy & sleepy that I threw myself over the fence, accompanied by Mr R., who contibued his discourse, & took a short nap about 3 P.M. - Bad hoeing - corn middling good, considering Mr R's management. Dr Jonas went to A;giers to hasten the making of a nice plough a new plough-share - came back - mended one of the old ones - Found the carcase of a 3 year old heifer which was soon to calve - she ran with the cows - died in a piece of woods called the Sugar Place - had been dead 4 or 5 days without
732 being missed - so putrid that nothing could be saved - worth perhaps over $20 P.M. Dr J. hoed for Mr Capin Variable weather. Sometimes warm - sometimes cool - quite dry.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23d Sam Batt, whose stone bruise had got well, drove for me to plough. The old thing with which we worked, ran bad enough - grew more & more unmanageable all day, when, just as I was finishing off a land - ran foul of a fast sone stone & wrecked her so as to destroy any hope of more bad navigation with her, The sun was an hour high. Looked for sheep without finding them till dark. Dr Jonas worked with Mr Parsons in the T. yard - Pleasant & too dry. Wanted rain to plough by.

733 SATURDAY, JUNE 24 About all the morning hunting lost sheep. In the course of the day drew 100 rails from the W. side the sugar orchard to the fence which bounds the field which we were ploughing up on the W. To avoid a shower this afternoon took shelter in Mr Champney's house, late residence of Mr Isaac Judd. A gentleman & lady of middle age going past in a one horse waggon, wefe driven in by the shower, which proved to be on ly a slight dash, and were courteously received by Mr C. & lady. The strangers name was Burlinghame, belonged to Shaftsbury - Had business at Capt Norton'slost on their way down, between there & the meeting house lost a work pocket with - if I right ly recollect

a shawl & handkerchief in it. Between 4 & 5 P.M. en
734 Capt Norton's pottery - staid half an hour & saw nobody - wrote a few words, expressive of my astonishment at not seeing friend Luman laboring at his wheel; so rare was the instance. What sur prised me more was, to find an open bowl standing on his mould bench, with paper money in it. Mr Champney let me have a few fine cabbage plants, which I set at night.

Our showers, which were 4 or 5 in quick succession - some of them hard, were attended with thunder. Dr Jonas worked again with Mr Parsons in his Tannery. My spouse and I were at our brothers this evening - he & his lady were quite impatient at Jonathan's not returning from Connecticut. What a cold night it was.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25th Found lost sheep - brought them home - ere night, they went off once more
735 1 P.M. out with Lydia & 'Damia strawberrying in the W. Pasture. Sarah was, all the P.M., at Mr Brown's looking out for her mother. Mr P. & lady enraged almost because fortune had not permitted Jonathan's return - their anxiety was not censurable. Another fair day & cold night

MONDAY, JUNE 26th Incorrect. (Dismissed two old ploughs - borrowed one, a tolerable thing, of Capt N. - the difficulty was in running from land too much.)

MONDAY, JUNE 26th Assisted the ladies in the morning about moving bedsteads & straining cords. The weather being cloudy - looking like rain. With oxen assisted a Mr Hurd up Parsons' Hill, with a load of bark from Choats, Pownal, to Squire. He had the oxen to go after his 2d load - for the latter service charged 25 cents.

736 Dr Jonas went to his uncle Stephen's to see about having a new plough. It certainly did rain this morning. Brought home our sheep again - pared their hoofs severely - they staid contentedly Had serious thought on old & decayed fences while looking after geese, cattle &c. George Godfrey rec'd 1 bbl of cider by the hand Justus Plank. The early part of the evening S. & I retired to our chamber to discourse apart - our interview was pleasing & agreeable.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27th Borrowed E. Fay's Junr's plough - Pretty good, but did not suit - the team drew awkwardly. Dr Jonas was driver A.M. - S.Batt, P.M. The former busied himself P.M. in the garden & in getting a plough for me - Borrowed Atwood's - Sarah & I walked to Parsons'. All impatient to see Jona. and their mother. Fine day - cool night.

737 Wednesday, June 28 Backed up Atwood's great plough - no puny burden neither, to our field - Dr J. carried the share away & had it sharpened - returned with it about noon, fastened it on - went to work with the plough - carried Fay's home - returned thence with a roll of streaked tow cloth which Miss Jerusha had wove - Rode with a gentleman from Adams, Mass., in a neat single horse waggon - very sociable. Dr Jonas & I took command of the plough P.M. Sam Batt had been driver A.M. but he failed (for) in strength - not (for) in good will. Capt Ellis Doty from Wilmington with a three horse waggon arrived. He would have talked on politics but I was too tired to enter the contest.

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738 THURSDAY, JUNE 29th Marched the plough - Dr Jonas commanded. Friend Luman gave us a draught of beer, we bought a quart & a 2 qt jug. Extremely warm. Mr Doty staid here over night - Jonathan Rogers arrived from Connecticut with Widow Lydia Stone, Mrs Parsons & my wife's Mother - Was introduced to her this evening.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30th Sam Batt worked here - we hoed corn. Attended a meeting of the Sons of Liberty at Henry Fassett's. Some new members were admitted. The President verbally reported the arrangement for the 4th made by the committee appointed for that purpose. Dreadful hot day & evg.

739 SATURDAY, JULY 1st The warm weather, which was extreme, cont'd. Hoeing was still pursued - Wished for rain - showers in every direction - a very small quantity came to us. Mr Rich & Sam Batt worked here all day - Mr Capron & Charles the P,M, only. Showers approached very near - no rain, however, except a slight sprinkling, fell here. Saw frequent lightning to the S.E in the ev'g.

SUNDAY, JULY 2d Another clear warm day - A part of the day at home, a part at Mr Parsons'. He & Mrs P. absent on a visit at Hoosick. Supped with Sarah & her mother. Sophia Waters & Clarissa Norton came here late in the P.M. Took some care about looking after the creatures.

740 MONDAY, JULY 3d Potatoes were hoed - Dr Jonas went to Uncle Stephen's & brought home a new plough - Stephen Harwood Jun'rs make. Great signs of rain. Grand, dark clouds - no rain.

TUESDAY, JULY 4th Assisted among the Sons of Liberty in my official capacity in celebrating the day.

The Shaftsbury & Bennington Branches united - admitted about 30 new members - Formed in procession 1 P.M. - citizens in the rear - marched into the meeting house - Declaration of Independence read by the President - Address made by Mr Marsh during which I ( ) slept. Marched back to the Court House. The Sons of Liberty dined at Fassett's,

741 the citizen's at Cushman's - the repast was excellent - 50 cents pr man - Retired half an hour - the scene closed closed drunken toasts of which some were highly seasoned - The Committee toasts were succeeded by warm, humorous, & in some instances, ingenious volunteers The Band which was composed of both parties, attened only on the march and in the meeting house performed handsomely & deserved a handsome reward. I retired soberly & in due season as I presume did the generality of the Association & citizens. Slept at Col Fay 10 Or 15 moments to hear a story from him respecting Lieut F. Overtook Sergt Gillett, Pownal, with whom I marched to Burlington in 1812. Walked from Watson's with my lady - made a short visit at Mr Parsons' with her. Fine day. Handed in our list to Mr Poole though he was not at home.

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742 WEDNESDAY, JULY 5th On the morning of the 4th Jonathan Rogers left this for Branford, Connecticut. He did not run away - Worked hard ploughing along with Isaac Downs - The new plough went well - Dr Jonas worked for Capron at Watson's A.M. P.M. busy at home - Widow Stone & Mrs Parsons paid this house a visit.

THURSDAY, JULY 6th Friend Isaac & I again plowed. Dr J. prepared for haying in part. W'm day.

FRIDAY, JULY 7th Mr Parsons held a long conversation with me this morning about J's leaving him. Dr J & I finished ploughing 15 acres about 11 A.M. Dr J. cont'd fixing for haying - I hoes for Rich - sold him 6 qts cider - Mr Downs & his son were there.

743 SATURDAY, JULY 8th Dr Jonas terminated the repairs of the barn roof I worked at preparing the interior, but feeling unwell retired to the house - & took a nap, where Lydia was spinning The P.M. being moderately rainy - handled the pen & drew a load of wood for Mr Batt.

SUNDAY, JULY 9th Warm restless day. Rode out in the waggon with grabdfather - he was much pleased - Mr Chandler of Putney tarried with us a considerable part of the day - very fond of cider. When I attempted reading I would fall a sleep - in that respect I made out poorly. Sarah & I walked to the pasture to visit our little flock which was doing well. On returning home she amused me not a little carrying one of the volumes of Bigland. I found
744 some fault with her usage of the book - she wrongly imagined me in anger - this however was soon explained away - as it should be.

Johnny Murphy came over from the furnace & spent his day. The last rain made the corn grow fairly where the worms had left it stznding.

MONDAY, JULY 10th Rode with grandfather over to his brother Stephens' - found him extremely low, but not so but that he could walk his room - kept his bed mostly - Visited Sp'r Jun'rs - pleased with his lady - at Uncle S's a little book fell into my hands the title of which is -"An account of all the different denominations in the Christian world" - We came home I P.M. Uncle Jonas began haying - Muggy warm day - rain looked for but did not come.

745 TUESDAY, JULY 11th It continued very warm. Haying went on slowly. Sam'l Batt was with us.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 Anxiously expected rain - the weather held extremely hot. Business as above - Sam Batt too - Mother rode to the Cotton Factory, bought yarn on Parsons' & our own accounts. Mr Parsons returned from Pittstown.

THURSDAY, JULY 13th Dr Jonas drove on haying with vigor. S. Batt again.

FRIDAY, JULY 14th We worked till late at night - or say till after sunset - Sam Batt again - Had his father an hour in the P.M. Thursday & Friday terribly warm - All signs of rain failed - Eunice Spencer, an object of compassion, staid here this night - Dr weather - rain wanted.

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746 SATURDAY, JULY 15th Some hay got up in the morning - hoes corn - Sam Batt included - Very warm weather - a shower of rain came up night. Father arrived from Attica, brought Catherine Harwood with him - left there on the 5th - All well - Luther Smith married to a young lady of the name of Betsey Nichols - lived in a small house with his brother Elisha - they had good crops - so had all their neighbors. The country appeared flourishing - tarried 5 days. As he returned through the country - visited many old neighbors & relatives - found them in health & tolerably contented. Left cousin Ruth in Brookfield with at Mr Jas Waterman's from whom we received a friendly ingenius letter. Margaret Harwood & Priscilla Phillips came over from Petersburgh on a visit. Sophia Waters spent the P.M. here

747 SUNDAY, JULY 16th Walked to Church with Mrs Harwood & friend Sophia - so warm that no comfort could be enjoyed Mr Marsh named his text in 10th Ecclesiastes - I sat in the gallery- sleep overcame me - heard nothing, or very little, from the Minister Visited C.C.Fay's at noon - P.M. the text was in Matthew concerning Temptation - Solo Clark sat with me, read a paper I had with me. Rained a good deal, roads muddy - Uncle Sam went from here to B. Squire's and brought home my ladies- Wrote a reply to a letter of June 26th from uncle Ebenezer dated at Gates, N.Y. (272) 1/2 mile from the mouth of Genesee River. In his letter he states that he was seated in a good country on a fine farm - anxious to hear from this quarter - wanted to know how grandfather did - where Uncle Jonas & Ira were going - wished them to visit him. The answer con - tained all necessary information - signed with father's name. Visited Parsons' in the ev'g.

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748 SUNDAY, JULY 17th Finished hoeing. Sam Batt & Isaac Downs were employed - Dr Jonas absent A.M. - In the P.M. mowed. Mar. Harwood & P. Phillips compleated their visit - went home - Hot weather lasted.

TUESDAY, JULY 18th Engaged again at haying - Dr Alanson Porter & lady in their hack called 11 A.M. on their way to Georgia, Vt. Our ladies received the company of Mrs Godfrey, Miss A. Godfrey, Mrs Whitney & Mrs Waters. Mr Worthy Worthy from Williamstown came to see father - lived here more than 30 years since; one of Burgoyne's men - a rec't from Taunton, Eng'd - Said he was 66, quite spry - 4 years since lost his eldest son Valentine aged 24 - Fine, but warm, weather. S.Batt worked here.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19th A pleas't day, but not so insenely hot as it had been. Dr Jonas went with Diademia to Williamstow to see Mr(Ebenezer) Aaron Green who was saved by him

749 from being shipped here for his board at Henry Foxcetts where he boarded a few days, & having no cash, a stranger too, Dr J. to put his name to a note of $3.50 The gent went back to Williamstown - remained quiet up to this date - Dr J. asked Dr Porter about him - he said he was a man of no property nor much business, which (made) made Dr J. think it time to be looking after him - For his journey he had 2 Or 3 draws - $1.50" in cash & a fair promise for the re - mainder - Returned here next day P.M. - Left Diademia at Mr Smedleys Mother exceedingly vexed about it too. Mr Worthy departed this day for home - Bade grandfather an affectionare adieu, accompanied with many thinks for his past favors & good wishes for his recovery & health during the remainder of his days. Mrs Duncan came down on a visit.

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THURSDAY, JULY 20th Fine, warm weathr contin'd. Father & I had hard mowing alone - Spoke to Mr Brown to carry Sarah to Litchfield with him in the fall.

750 FRIDAY, JULY 21st Extremely warm - In vain expected rain - Excessively dry - wanted rain. Eliza Duncan & a Miss Potter visited here this P.M.

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd The heat, unabated - no rain - showers pass all around us without a drop being shed upon us. Sam Batt worked here every working day this week - I was in town at night - Shook hands with Lieut H.A.Fay - invited him down to see us - Rec'd a letter at Fassett's from N.R.Locke dated July 1 1815 at Choconut, Pa. In health except the old complaint (Pain in the breast) Wanted to hear from me very much I must write the particulars of everything transacted since his departure - Wished to converse with me respecting the marriage state - Grain of all kinds doing well - population increasing - new houses building - About gir girls - he wrote

751 that the last Sunday he counted on one seat 14 of them, of whom the eldest was not over 18 nor none younger than 14 - "So", said he, " "You may conclude where my eyes were". They were projecting a Ticket Ball for the Fourth - expect'd there would be 20 couples - If Sophie & Lydia would come out there he would wait upon them (to the Ball) with the greatest politeness. Wanted I should tell Sophia that she must send him sone word about one Luther Smith - that he mistrusted she would go out to Attica before long - Requested I would tell Ira when I should write him, that he sent his love to him and his lady, and that he stuck to the good Old Republican Principles yet. Desired me in writing to friend Luther to mention a thing started (between) amongst us, one Winter. eve at Mr Parsons shop when Locke lived there - that he, Smith, must come into Choconut & he shew him how the big cat ate the butter - to tell him that he reamined as full of iniquity as ever

752 that if I did not write him a letter (S) she would be the death of him. If the Sons of Liberty celebrated the day, I must write the particulars - Sent his love to Jonathan (Rogers) , must tell him to be a good boy, learn his trade & let the girls alone as did he. Concluded with ¾ "If you write me, do write about all the folks - Give my love to your wife - Wife. Wife. ¾ Hiram got a wife ? O, my God. Yes, he has, and be it so; but Nath'l has none. Give my love to S.W. (S. WATERS) L.Harwood (written L.N.) and D---a (Diademia) - give my compliments to your father & mother and all your folks - and I will subscribe myself - Nathaniel R. Locke "
Hiram Harwood.
"P.S. O, give my love to Miss Ruth J G Harwood. July 4th we are here and I have danced with the lovely Angeline Bliss. "

753 SUNDAY, JULY 23d Had recourse to many expedients to obtain rest but the heat was so powerful that very little co could be enjoyed. Wrote two letters - the one the other to Mrs Harwood of Attica, the latter not exactly suiting my father, in whose name it was written, was suppressed. The ground dry and hard - rain greatly wished for

MONDAY, JULY 24th Rode to Capt Hill's in a one-horse waggon with my gd father - brought from the machine the wool rolls. Saw young Bingham's lady - she shewed me her new tape loom - invited her to our house - She did so by me - both promised fair.

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The grass of the little mead'o near Parsons' was mown - In the P.M. Dr Jonas mowed with Peter Mc Hughs & Dr Swift at Dr Swift's. We, S.Batt, father & myself, worked late, but did not get the hay all secured. Warm day - expected rain.

754 This evening, though late, I again wrote to wid'O Theodosia - That we were in health - gd father no worse than when father went away, better but was not sensible of it. Catherine stood it finely on the road - behaved nicely - her health continued, & she went to School to Miss Sally Loomis - Mrs Hunt had been seen and informed respecting her - Mrs H. & family were well - Compliments & love were abundantly sent - The letter from uncle Ebenez'r was mentioned - likewise the friends & relatives on the route, as at P. 716. Sent thanks & compliments to the Smith's to let them see that we did not forget their kindnesses; stated that their kindred here were in usual health. Miss Sophia Watson's compliments were put in - adding that her health was fine & her spirits gay - Informed her respecting Mr Parsons' people - what happened on the morning of the 4th.

755 The family was represented as uniting in sending love & compliments to her, to Fanny, Charlotte, and little Albert. The principal object of the letter was, to know whether she would consent to put Catherine to Mr Buckley Squire's till she were eighteen. In one paragraph I made a bold dash at knavish & blundering Post Masters on the Western route hoping if it were broken open by any of them, or if it went to the Gen. P.O., it might show some resentment and be a sort of remonstrance against the mis-management & abuse which attends the P.O.establishment. The above is the substance of this letter as near as can be recollected. Signed with father's name, for so it reads.

TUESDAY, JULY 25th Grandfather 80 years of age this day. In consequence of its appearing likely to rain, father

756 instructed Dr Jonas to rally, if he judged it necessary. According ly about day break I was called from most delicious repose and reluctantly dragged to the meadow where the hay was, but there existed no probability of rain - the wind blew dry & faintly warm from the N.W. - clouds thin & light, moon shone resplendently - a few hundreds of hay were raked together after which we again, father be ing with us, went to bed. The effects of this stuck by me the whole day. However, Uncle Jonas minded nothing about it, & only laughed at me. Rode with Sarah & Diademia on to Court House hill - they traded at Patchin's - I bought some rum at Pickett's & 5 qts molasses at Swuft's & Hyde's for making hop beer.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26th Dulley hay-day there had been for some time We confidently looked for rain, but

757 the winds shunned us although their approach was very near - Thunder showers passed all around us the day before - We made hay in the W8st part of the N'th meadow. Mr Parsons in the evening talked to me a long time on Jonathan Rogers'leaving him. Sam Batt came to his work late.

THURSDAY, JULY 27 Early in the morning visited Mrs Watson & obtained from her directions how to make hop beer which I reported to our ladies who made 1/3 of a bbl - We made hay again in the N. meadow - Peter McHughs' from Dr Swift's worked here till past 3 p.m. Mr Parsons all that part of the day to pay in part Dr Jonas for what he did June 23d & 24th. More threatening, without rain, or if any, none to soak the ground or barely to lay the dust. Had rain come in earnest, it would have taken us quite

unprepared, for more of our hay was exposed than at any other time this season - at the same time we wanted it most extremely

758 FRIDAY, JULY 28th North meadow cleared of hay - began h arvesting rye. Peter McHughs worked here again. He talked a good deal respecting his native country, the English, & his army adventures. We foreboded a rainy night - every appearance sanc tioned the pleasing hope - but it was realized in a very small degree.

SATURDAY, JULY 29 Rye harvest finished - very good - N. & W. sides of the N. meadow. - rather exceeding 4 acres - Sam'l Batter worked for us 5-1/2 days thisnweek. Fine pleasant weather - It commenced growing cooler on the 28th - before which a longer period of steady hot weather had not been experienced for a number of years.

SUNDAY, JULY 30th The heat of this day had hardly been surpassed heretofore - the want of air was really distress ing - clear sky - the earth parched & cracking open for
759 want of rain - mastures & meadows presented many spots which looked as if fire had ran through them - springs very low and drying up - apples were snivling, nurly & warty in many instances - all kinds of grain lessened considerably in quantity & quality - rivers low - brooks dried up by this parching drought.

Grandfather, this morning, became impatient to ride out - we intended in the course of the day, to gratify him, but wanted time to take some repose after working hard all the week. In his pet, with difficulty, strolled up the lane on crutches a rod or two beyond the first brook abd there laid himself down close by the fence, deter- mined never to rise again. He was observed through every step of his walk - I saw that he must be drawn home; with that view took uncle Jonas' one-horse waggon and drew it by
760 hand to the spot where he lay, helped him in, and safely landed him at his door. Before I came to him and without knowing that anybody was near him, his resolution to die, failed him, he began to cry loudly for assistance - See what age brings us to.

In the Columbian (paper) there was a good deal of matter re- specting the preparations of France & the Allies for the Grand & Awful contest which was on the eve of breaking out.

MONDAY, JULY 31st Two acres of handsome wheat harvested - grew in the field N. of the young orchard where stacks had been built & foddered out previous to its being ploughed the last time.

July 1815 will be remembered as remarkably dry hot month - dif- fering widely from July 1814, which was wet & cold.

761 TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st Attacked the wheat in the orchard - laid 3 acres in 5 - not quite middling - the best in the or- chard - grew in the W. part, much inferior to our expectations. Sam & Collins Batt assisted. Not so warm weather as had been - dry N.W. winds - cool night. Had a serene mind.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2d Finished winter wheat harvest about 12 at noon on the very pinnacle of the field & in conse- quence of Dr Jonas' presumption, we took a soaking. There appeared a small cloud in the N.W. which portended rain, several peals of thunder, had been emitted, but such appearances had so often deceived us that when it was proposed to go, previous to finishing the cradl'g

& secure the shieves, Dr Jonas and I too spoke in the negative, push ing forward with the cradle, raking & binding.

762 But the shower came up with great rapidity so that we were obliged to set up the grain in the hottest part of it - when that was com - pleated the rain ceased - and we had the pleasure of working an hour or two with out backs wet. Pulled flax and mowed, in the P.M Sam Batt was with us. The morning was fine - no appearances of rain, except as above - wind N.W. all day - cool air - heavy thunder at night, but no rain here.

THURSDAY, AUGst 3d A foggy morning - cold, cloudy P.M. Haying, pulling flax, & Barley harvest (which was of but little consideration) formed this day's employ. Was some out of health, had a bad pain in my left arm, but these things wore off just before sun-set, because I got engaged in throwing up a little load of barley, all we had in the world. Read in Gordon's America Lieut Col Laurens' premature fate - Augt 1782.
S.Batt here again.
Mother & Lydia went to see uncle Stephen's - he was in great dis-
763 tress - it was thought could not survive many weeks.

FRIDAY, AUGt 4th Fine, cool, hayweather 'till past midday heavy clouds rolled up from the N., we expected rain but it came not - While it was clear the work went on easy, & with celerity - we made hay the W. side of the S. meadow. Arrived late in the day. Mrs Lydia Hopkins & her son George, three weeks from Hopkinton, & direct from Saratoga Springs, where Mrs H. had resided a few days for the benefit of her health, which she thought she had in some degree realized. The draught began to be felt seriously - rain was much desired - See p. 759.

SATURDAY, AUG 5th Winter wheat all in - It was grown on 7 acres, of which 5, were extremely light. We reapt not a single clipt of it - cut it with the cradle
764 Conversed with cousin George & found that I liked him. Dr Jonas rode on a party of pleasure amongst old Widows & Maids to Williamstown - There was a short shower at night - It became colder weather S. Batt worked 6 days this wk.

SUNDAY, AUG 6th Rode to meeting with my spouse & cousin Catherine - father, uncle Jonas, & cousin George walked there. Seated me in one of the gallery pews in an easy posture & fell asleep, thought not without first hearing the text - "The Fashion of this world soon passeth away". The Argus contained an account of the French proceedings in the "Field of May". Spent intermission at E.Waters' - Wrote a Billet to H.A.Fay to have him send his collection of music to the P.Office for me. P.M. Mr Marsh preached from some passage in Isaiah on the power & merits of our Saviour - heard him indistinctly. The singing was good. Had an agreeable pastime with Sarah in the young orchard & garden. Went to Parsons - Cold cloudy day.

765 MONDAY, AUG 7th Rye harvest drawn in - Haying carried on. Dr Jonas & I were not wholly in health. Mr Bliss & Mrs Waters paid a visit here this P.M. Erastus Taylor arrived from Bennington to flee his creditors, having been unfortunate - ultimately bound to New Connecticut, Ohio. Cold morning - continued through the day - cloudy.

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TUESDAY, AUG 8th Father & Mother accompanied aunt Hopkins & cousin George to Williamstown. We had the assistande of Mr Brown in haying - likewise that of Mr Taylor part of the P.M. - Sam Batt the P.M. only - This morning we first saw Wellington's Despatch which produced in me melancholy sensations - I had some doubts as to the French disaster, but feared there was too much truth in it.

766 What a lesson does the history of France and of Bonaparte afford on the instability of all human affairs - Who can behold such mighty scenes without taking a lively interest in them. I was anxious to see the French accounts. The day was tolerably warm.

WEDNESDAY, AUG.9th Finished mowing, patches excepted. S. part of the S. meadow not so productive as in 1814, but our meadow lands taken collectively yielded as much, if not more than they did the preceding year - and the quality of our hay this year was never better, because in the course of the season none of it was rained on in the least, except about half a ton, which is considered quite extraordinary. Mr Brown, Mr Taylor & Sam Batt worked here. Father & Mother arrived from Williamstown - Grandfather was worse - had been growing so while they were gone from home/ Sister Lydia's birth-day - 24 years old.

767 THURSDAY, AUG.10th The spring wheat was cut down, bound & carried in. It grew on nearly 2 acres - W. of the barn - Upper side, common, or bearded kind - lower side, Siberian- the former, short, light eared & thin - hurt by drought - the latter in general tall, full eared, but not so ripe. When I went to Mr Wilcox's to borrow his cradle - found him sick - his lady looked concerned about him. Jedediah Stone of Williamstown took the trouble of calling on us - borrowed 25 cents, took his dinner, chatted awhile & went about his business -

Grandfather grew more unwell - watched with him this night, but he called me but twice - Rained hard in the night - Gd father was very restless - groaned as if in distress, but we did not feel alarmed because it was not unusual.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 Wet in the A.M. nothing going on - father went to town on business. P.M. cradled oats, mowd banks. Bonaparte down - abdicated the Throne on the 22d June.

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770 SUNDAY, AUG 13th Preparations were made for paying the last kind offices to the deceased, in which our neighbors generously assisted. Towards evening, when a few friends & neighbors had assembled here, Mr Marsh came down & gave a short exhortation accompanied by prayer.

Aunt Hopkins walked to the other house, as it was formerly called, while I sat alone making pens - to view the great apple tree which stznds below it, to view the dairy with which she was much pleased, & other parts of the house. After surveying these as much as she wished, she entered into a very free & agreeable conversation with me. She said it was altogether better living all in one family as we did than to divide, for many reasons, which I have not time to set down here. Spoke of her brother Jared, how unfortunate he had always been, but thought he might with prudence obtain a good living, as he was seated on a tolerable farm. Related the

manner in which my grandfather, Abner Dewey, came to this town with his family. They removed in Oct. 1776, from Stockbridge (Mass)
771 and took up their residence in a house which stood near the site of the house of T.C. Parsons, with a nunerous family, consisting of 5 sons & 6 daughters. Besides these their eldest son & three eldest daughters were married - viz. Abner, Rhoda, Zur and Sarah ¾ - The first of the daughters lived near to them and had a family - her husband's name was Archibald Stone - tanner by occupation - Died at Hoosick in 1810 not far from 70. My g.father & gd mother survived but a few months - both being seized with the small pox ; the former died in Feb. the latter in March 1777. After this she sa said she lived in town a while & then went to Stockbridge to live with her sister Mrs Taylor. About a year afterwards she returned to Bennington where she permanently fixed herself till her marriage to Mr Hopkins which was in May or June 1780. Previous to the last mentioned incident her principal residence was at Col Joseph Fay's where Judge David Fay now lives. In 1787 Mr Hopkins removed to Vergenbes where by industry, economy & good fortune, he acquired a good estate. From Vergennes in 1803 he removed to Hopkinton, N.Y. where he still lives.

772 MONDAY, AUG. 14th This P.M. about 2 o'clock the funeral was attend ed by a considerable number of friends, neighbors & relatives, in a manner suitable to the solemn occasion. A sermon was delivered by a Mr Dunlap of Cambridge, N.Y. not however particularly adapted to the occasion - an appointment having been made previous to a knowledge of Grandfather's death. Mr D. preached from Collossiuns chapter verse. He spoke vehement, loud, &, with a little Scotch brogue. At first I dislike him, but grew more reconciled to him before he finished his address - the principal aim of which was to show the difference between the Reward of the Righteous and the punishment of the Wicked. Warm, cloudy day. First received Spafford's Magazine - for July & August - not quite up to my expectation.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 Finished haying as well as the harvest, of which the latter this season was not great. p. 766
773 Uncle Jonas & I turned the brook & caught 40 small fishes - mostly trout - Father, Mother, Aunt Hopkins, and cousin George, met a host of Dewey blooded cousins at Me Ez'l Harmon's - Wrote a long letter to cousin Ruth Harwood - respecting the death of grandfather - family occurrences - J. Rogers' going from Mr Parsons - Mrs Stone's being there - &c &c. Warm, clear weather.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 16th In the morning early rode of Col Norton's & had a horse shod - It began raining, & continued pret ty steadily through the day, very fine - received with joy although it broke up the arrangements in a great measure for the celebration. It was said to be the first rainy Anniversary since Aug 16 1777 - However a goodly number of Republicans assembled at the meeting house where Col Merrill pronounced an elegant oration, which I am informed was received with great applause. While at the P. Office in the morning wrote ~~a~~ letters to uncle Eben'r and Asa giving notice of the late death in this family. Rode with
774 Charles Wright to Dewey's mill - he acquainted with the report of Gen Jackson's death - Returned home - saw cousin George's Encyclopoedia & other books - Read the Magazine and Papers - Wrote letters to Mr Waterman and Widow Theodosia of Attica, the same as I wrote in the morning. The Fed's celebrated in Algiers.

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THURSDAY, AUG. 17th Entered the ploughfield in the P.M. Too warm for oxen - Mr Parsons rode away with widow Stone for Greenville where she calculated to live with her eldest son Jarvis (See June 29th 30th) - Rained & thundered heavy at night - my lady & I staid at Mr P's - Read the Col'n paper & Magazine - Dr Jonas purchased his great 100 dollar horse - Cousin George reckoned up 60 cousins on he Dewey side of the house - Cousin Erastus Taylor left here this morning to return to his family in Barrington, Mass. from thence he intends to elude the vigilance of his creditors & escape to New Connecticut - His generous conduct in the time of our troubles shall never be forgotten. He departed in low spirits.

775 FRIDAY, AUGUST 18th Wrote 2 letters - one to Gen Kellogg, Pittsfield, the other to widow Hepsibah Smedley of Cambridge, Vt - Rainy A.M. Mr Brown assisted me to make whips - wet plowing - hindered by heavy rains - the rains increased in the evening - Read Ency'a.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 Father & uncle Jonas roade about town doing busines The former gave his note for 41 dolls to J. & S. Hinsdill. Cousin George went to see his mistress in Pittstown, named Harriet Newcomb, residing in tho's Henderson's neighborhood. Too wet to plow - worked with the harrow - stopt to get apples in capt Norton's orchard. Springs & streams overflowing in consequence of late rains. Luke warm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th The greatest part of the family went to meeting. Sarah & I took care of the house. My reading was in the Encyclo'a - Biographical, Agricultural, Geographical & Historical - the latter principally confined to Britian since James 6th or 1st time - it is very particular on late events - The Historical account of Austria is very good. Great rains & thunder.

776 MONDAY, AUG. 21st Still too wet for ploughing - Rained at 2 P.M. The papers contained French Legislative proceedings. Allies in Paris, July 5th Bonaparte calculated to come to this country.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22d Mrs Tichenor's funeral was attended. Capt Paddock died on Sunday. Cousin George returned from his visit to Pittstown. Had the Encyclopoedia, read History under artivle Britain at Mr Parsons' in the evening. Still, cloudy, weather, light showers on the mountains.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 23d Came from Parsons' early. Breakfasted sooner than the family in order to be in the field in good season. Aunt Hopkins & cousin George took leave of us this day. When I left the house I omitted the formality of bidding them goodbye, because it would have given me disagreeable feelings - They had paid us an excellent visit - we received it thankfully - although they tsrried three weeks we were unwilling to part with them at last. Mr Parsons arrived from Greenville where he carried Mrs Stone to her son Jarvis. He went away on the 17th.

777 THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 Dr Jonas worked his great 100 dollar horse plowing before oxen - good. Lydia & Sarah had Mr Brown's horse to ride to Mr Eldred's to visit M.H. Campbell. Damp, chilly weather - wind S.E. - raibed in the night - Mr Brown felt uneasy about his horse - came home late in the dark & rain to get

him home.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 Heavy ploughing caused by rain in the night. They boiled corn as early as the 10th - Late in the day it was extremely warm. S.Batt worked with oxen harrowing.

SATURDAY,AUGUST 26 We made excellent progress in our business till P.M. when Wm Haswell came down & took out his horse which uncle Jonas had hired a few days conditionally. This broke up one team. Uncle J. went off on a horse-buying scale. 4 P.M. assisted Mrs Champney, Mrs Batt, & Betsey Champney in conveying Mrs Downs consort of Mr N. Downs frpm capt Norton's orchard, where she fainted away.

778 to Mr Champney's where she soon recovered. Left work at 5 - arrived in town at dark - borrowed Sampson's Memoirs - Went to Haswell's - they offered me Merrill's Oration, but would not purchase. Came from the Printing Office up to Judge Robinson's - there Col Merrill & W. Haswell met me & talked to me with great earbestness respecting the enbuing election - Their fervency however did not reach me - considered that they labored in a field where they looked for a good harvest while I expected or wished nothing. Warm day.

SUNDAY,AUGUST 27th Father, Mother & Sarah went to see uncle Stephen, found him some better - Could confine my mind to nothing ¾ Read newspapers, constitutions etc etc. Wrote the usual task -Saturday night they informed me that the Sons of Liberty at a late meeting appointed a Committee of Vigilance to inquire into the state of the parties previous to Election, of which Mr Anson Wood & I were members - I was to go and inform him - With this view sketched across the fields of Atwood, Green & Walbridge to Widow Wood's

779 Transacted my business with friend Anson in a very satisfactory manner - We agreed to meet at Mr Hill's the next Tuesday evening. As I was coming away they requested me to drink a glass of spirits, but I begged to be excused. Returning homeward, viewing those objects which had been familiar to me from childhood, the many happy days I had passed in school were rapidly passed in review. This produced in my thoughts a pleasing melancholy. About sun-set walked with Sarah to get some good apples in the young orchard. Lydia arrived from visiting her friend Sophia - reported that J.Norton Junr had a young heir by his lady. Warm,pleas't weather.

MONDAY,AUGUST 28th Work went nicely indeed. Finished cross-plowing 14 acres - Visited Sam'l Loomis in his field - a large one that he cultivates for L.Norton; sow wheat,taking half the crop for the use of the land, to enquire respecting the political ~~tem~~ tenets of his neighbor Hall, who had come into the neighborhood the last

780 spring, but Mr L. could give me no information. His father was plough ing with him - Fixing to sow rye - Friend Henry Mellen from White Creek paid us a visit this P.M. - Said Miss Theodosia Montague talked of being married to a wealthy young man. Invited Mr M. to come & see us - The latter part of the day engaged in plowing stubble ground W't of the barn. Tolerably warm.

TUESDAY,AUGUST 29 Stubble ground, where spring wheat, Barley, flax & oats were grown, E. of the rocks, W. of the barn as prepared for sowing rye. ~~Had~~ Uncle Jonas had partly agreed to carry a load of paint for H.C.Hull to Utica, but through the solicitation of his political friends relinquished the job, much for

hisnown, & the good of his party. They were greatly pleased to sa save him from a Federal gull-trap. Our sub-committee met this evening at Capt Hill's - Mr Wood not present - Mr Taft attended & was very useful - Mr C. Bingham Hill was very instrumental in pointing our characters - Capt H. was on a visit in Connecticut. P.M. & evening extremely warm indeed.

781 WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30 Sowing rye was the business - It was a very hot day - the evening was no less so. The Grand Committee of Vigilance convened at Cushman's - Rose about 9 o'clock being nearly suffocated in C's South front room. Could admit no air lest spies might intrude. The meeting was pretty punctually attended. Stephen Robinson, S.Lacy, Uriah Edgerton 2d, R.Wickwire, Sam'l Wadsworth, Jonas Harwood, S.Fay, H.Robinson, Wm Haswell, D. Clark, A.Wood, M.L.Selden & others were present. After summing up & casting off doubtful characters it was determined, as near as we could then get ~~of~~ to it, that the Democrats were in this town 16 majority.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 We finished sowing rye - Threshed a little - Dr Jonas, with his own and Haswell's horse went to Troy for Jac Lyon & Pomeroy Smith - News came that Bonaparte gave himself up to the Prince Regrent - Went again to see Sam'l Loomis respecting Mr Hall - Set him down Fed'l. Cold day - cold night.

782 FRIDAY, SEPT. 1st Fine day. Worked at threshing. In the evening accompanied by friend Brown, & friend Charles Capron Junr visited Mr Watson's. As came up to the door, Mr Caldwell, tenant to Mr B., had a load of rye which we all assisted in carrying into the house. The reason of my going out this evening was to see Winthrop Watson, Mr W's third son, printer by occupation Was slightly acquainted with him, knew him to be fond of music. He had disposed of his claironette & bought a very good 10 dollar Violin, but had not practiced enough on it to play with elegance or ease - probability was if he would persevere, he would play well I played alternately on the flute & fiddle all the ev'g.

SATURDAY, SEPT 2d We thrashed and prepared wheat for sowing. Uncle Jonas arrived from Troy. He went to a meeting of the gd committee. Wrote ballots.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3d Prepared ballots for Freemen's Meeting - wrote a few lines in the Journal. Visited Par-
783 sons late P.M. Read the Argus touching Bonaparte's giving himself up. After dark walked with Dr Jonas down to E.Fay Junr's to enquire if Henry Brown, W.Green's nephew, or cousin, had resided here long enough to be admitted to vote ? Found that he could not. A new minister preached at the Meeting House. Wrote accounts for Sophia Waters.
Cool fair morning, pleas't day, but rather cool.

MONDAY, SEPT. 4th Frost this morning. Mr Rich came to work in our service. We knew him to be a Republican & wishd ed to keep him sober that he might act clearly & understandingly on the day of Election ; and not be cheated by the opposite party as he had been. Sowing wheat was carried on at a good rate - Music was performed by the Band at Cushman's - went in to hear them - they performed handsomely - Saw Lorenzo Fassett - he shewed how he had got the key to his flute srawn to use in playing ~~either~~ with a hand which had been robbed of a forefinger. Our Committee met.

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Clear & cold - cold night followed.

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 5th We kept about our business in the A.M. In the P.M. attended the poll - Mr Rich rode up with us & behaved well the whole time - returned with us sober. Great exertion was made by both parties. No choice first time going round for Representative - 2d time made choice of Stephen Robinson by a small majority over Solomon Safford - Mr Batt was so strongly beset by his friends on both sides, had so much equivocation and irresolution that he positively refused voting at all.

Majority for Galusha , for Councillors , Cold & rainy from S.E. Rainy & cold from the S.E.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6 Followed thrashing - visited town - borrowed S.B.Young'sAtlass, Clark's Travels in Russia of E.Young - did business at Patchin's, Swift's & Hyde's - Brought home Mr Parsons. Dr Jonas prepared for going to Albany to carry printing material.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7 East storm over. Wrote to H.G.Spaf-

785 ford, by uncle Jonas, to stop his Magazines' o coming in the mail, directed him to either let me receive it at Parker & Bliss's, Troy, if without expense, or at the office. Stated that one dollar had been advanced through the hand of the P.M. here. Worked at cleaning up wheat - six swine were shut up for fatting - Laid rail fence lower side of the orchard to fence out the hogs - Mr Marsh on his return from Williamstown called, having his daughter Elizabeth with him, abd dined. Mother rode out with me - left her at E.Waters' - rode to mill. Too fast - Mother was to ride with me to W's, but meeting Mr S. Robinson & lady a few rods on the road, turned about & went home. Now for the rest. Had horse shod at uncle Jo Norton's. Mr Faxon & uncle Fred Jewett were present - the former remarked what a fine colt my mare had beside her. Drove to Mr Jonathan Hunt's - women gone Jonathan Jubr wounded - Encyclopoedia abd hautboy lying by him - asked his father

786 786 to play, but the instrument being disordered he merely made an attempt at it. Talked busily with Mr H. while there. He was painting a waggon-box which he had lately built - Borrowed Morse's American Geography - Came away - stopped at Capt Hill's - saw Bingham H. enjoying the agreeable society of his lady in the piazza in front of the Factory - Set out for home, took grist at the mill - expected to bring Sarah & Lydia from E.Waters' but they went home before I came along - saw J.E.Robinson at Mrs Hinman's - he asked at what time I was married - said he did not recollect - answered 19th of March - he requested it, so as to record it in the Town book previous to his quitting town, being a Justice & Town Clerk. Mr Brown was talking with him at the time - Came home with me, having his flute with him.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8th Fine time for sowing - well improved by us. Aunt Sarah went home. Wrote a letter to Theodosia H. advising her to sell and return here. Mr Murphy came over. Fair & warm.

787 SATURDAY, SEPT'R 9 Excellent weather continued - Business as above. Down at Parsons' this evening writing h the beginning og a lengthy letter to N.R.Locke in reply to his of July 1sy - p. 750 - Sarah with me - some part of the letter allu-

ded to her & others, in a way that doubtless pleased him. Parsons & his lady gone to Hoosick - Uncle Jonas arrived from Albany - Speculated in fish & water-melons. Warm - very warm thin air.

SUNDAY, SEPT 10th In the morning read an affecting account of the situation in France. Greatest part of the day at Parsons'. Added more to Locke's letter. Studied the map of Connecticut in M. Geog'y - I would make Sarah assist me in finding out distances - Late in the P.M. Parsons & lady returned from Hoosick - Walked to the P.O. this eve'g to carry the letter written on the 8th. And, Oh how warm it was. Rained in the night.

MONDAY, SEPT 11th The apples began to fall so fast that it became necessary to take the hogs out. At noon
788 they raised the cider mill. Watson made a few barrels of cider for Dr Swift. Sam Robinson Jr came here to work, brought me David Bingham's flute, which I had employed him to borrow to carry to Connecticut. Went to Col Norton's to have a one horse waggon repaired Returned Vol 3d of Mod. Europe to Jonathan E. Robinson - repaired by Sol Clark.

TUESDAY, SEPT 12th Sowing progressed rapidly both on the 11th & 12th - Charles Capron Jr worked in the field - Dr Jonas in his stead helped Watson make cider for Dr Swift . Borrowed Luman Norton's trunk to go to Branford with. Worked late. Thundered & lightened hidiously as I left the field to go home. Began raining early in the evening. Very warm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13th Mrs Harwood 22 years of age. Busy in the afternoon getting ready for my journey. Greatly vexed because Col Norton had not fulfilled his promise to mend the waggon - he however did it after a fashion this day. Fine pleas't evening.

789 THURSDAY, SEPT 14 In a one-horse waggon, Sarah beside me, started for Connecticut at 11 A.M. - Rained - in front as we passed through the lower part of Pownal, and upper pt of Williamstown - Otherwise had good, warm, pleasant weather - Mile & a half S. of the College met Dr A. Porter & lady in a chaise - passed them so suddenly that nothing was said. Made a vexatious bl blunder by taking the wrong road where there is a saw-mill - Muttered a few harsh expressions - turned sharp about & regained the main road without losing much distance or time. Arrived at Dr P's 5 P.M. - cousin Lucinda Clark - Mrs P'S sister - at home - waited upon us with all due respect - Introduced us to a student there, but spoke so low I did not hear his name. The doctor and his lady returned in the evening - Cheerfulness & sociability pervaded the company - Played on the flute for the doctor's little girls and some others to dance - During a vacant hour, after supper ere the sun had disappeared, walked about to view his possessions - Saw an economical turn in all his building - but his fences were in a declining state - Had just finished a wood house, which contained stabling, cheese house, spinning room, grainary &c - With the exception of fencing everything had the aspect of prosperity - Had few books that I saw except the Eng. Encyclopoedia & Medical works
790 We slept in an upper well furnished room, S.W. section of the house.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15th Visited a neighboring fulling mill and carding machine before breakfasting - Works of this natu

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nature always attracted my notice. Left Dr P's about 8 in the morning - Would not call on cousin H.Taylor for fear his compliments would hinder us, nor at an Inn in Pittsfield Village, lest he should discover us, but drove on to blind Luices ere we refreshed.

This house really had something so horrid in its appearance (as) that, if it had not stood on a great road surrounded by a populous and highly polished community, in a land of plenty, I should have taken it for the head-quarters of a band of robbers. It was a reality or freak of fancy in us, if the landlady was not an ill-natured, dirty, slut - Such was our impression from everything we saw. The man looked very well, but, alas, was blind - Asked the woman how it happened ? She equivocated - A blunt old waggoner from Mt Washington was there, whose resolute, harsh speaking, with some oddities afforded me amusement. Glad to flee this inferior hut , callen an Inn, having halted no longer than was absolutely necessary resumed the journey. At the close of the day found ourselves at Mr Ephra'm Taylor's, half a mile N. Barrington mountain, where the road goes over or rather descends it. The mountain W. of the road here presents a grand

791 and majestic appearance, composed of immense pilies of limestone which rise some hundred feet nearly perpendicular, forming precipices of a most sublime look. Found Mrs Anne Waters' here, who flew into transports of joy usual to her on all like occasions. Supper ended, she accompanied us in a walk a little way to S. Talked fast and with few intervals - Gave a history of her journey with Mr W. from Bennington to Pittsfield, - 1814 - Oct - how he beahved &c - what a repulse he met with &c. Said she could not sleep nights,her mind was so agitated - Said much about marriage - Described her residence at Claverack with Widow Morgan as being secluded from society, could not associate with any agreeable society - all Dutch - Prized Yankee negroes superior to them, a family or two of whom lived near, where she sometimes went rather than to be totally deprived of every social enjoyment. Wished to come to Bennington extremely - was contriving how to effect it. Having returned from our little ex cursion marched by myself with the flute into Stevens' (Inn keeper) orchard, back of which rises that stupendous mountain described above. A vey young ones of the neighborhood were seeking some very mean, nurly fruit, which was as scarce as it was bad. They requested me to play - complied - but beginning to rain - we retired into Mr Stevens hatter's shop where they retained me till 9 o'clock

792 and apparently were pleased with what they heard in the dark cell. Uncle Eph'm returned from his day's labor - We discoursed awhile and retired to rest.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 Our good old uncle and aunt were every way accommodating, which gave us an early start - Drove to Litchfield,South-Farms, 40 miles. Halted three times - at Roots, Sheffield - at Russell Hunt's Esqr of Canaan - and at Catlins, Litchfield Village - Hunt, as an inn keeper, I disliked in one point - he appeared to affect a loftiness in his deportment, toward a stranger too forbidding, too dignified, too morose, to gain favorites, according to my low Democratic ideas. He scarcely deigned to ex - change a word with us while under his roof. This might in some measure be owing to our being poor customers as we called for but little I visited his anchor manufactory, which appeared to be in good order & on a large scale - Never saw one before - Did not know that they made use of cranes to carry from the fire to the hammer & vice versa the red hot metal. Enjoyed this scene very rationally as I ever do where water is made subservient to man's use. This factory was in

operation. Soon after leaving here we began ascending the mountain, which all through Goshen bears a near resemblance to our Vermont G. Mountain. From Goshen to Litchfield, good road, aspect however, not enticing. Litch'd Village pleas't. Catlin
793 we found an overgrown, bloated, lofty carriaged tavern-keeper. When we first entered the bar-room it was deserted - An affray happening in the street - the gentleman & lady with others suddenly bolted - to see it - but all the while never saw us; which made me leave the house without spending anything. It was sun-down, five miles yet to travel in a road entirely new to me & almost forgotten by Sarah, of whom I made frequent & vani enquiry how to proceed. A little before leaving the turnpike we overtook a gent'n of whom we obtained information what road to take & the distance to G.Smedley's. Dark, thr road hilly, slow driving made me impatient, became petulant, talked roughly at Sarah because she recollected the way so poorly - this sorely grieved her, which rendered this evening's ride very unpleasant. But our little troubles were soon consigned to oblivion, after arriving at friend Smedley's, although considerably fatigued. We were received in a manner courteous & friendly. Mrs S. seemed sincerely rejoiced at seeing a sister who had been absent almost three years. The family consisted of James & Tho's May, the latter a hired man, Harlow, a boy about twelve - a tall widow bewitched, spinning - & a child named Mariah about 3 years old, given them - a very lively winning thing, much caressed by them.
Good weather - expected rain.

794 SEPTEMBER17th Rainy Sunday - Without much employment - Read Clark's travels - viewed a large map of Russia belonging to Mr S. of an old date. Old Mr S. & lady & an old maid, their daughter, attended Baptist worship. Sam & Typhenia went to a neighboring vine & gathered a few sweet grapes of which I never before tasted. Not quite palatable at first, but soon learned to like them. The Megs passed the day here. Slept poorly, at night, Cold & rained hard all night.

MONDAY,SEPT.18th Accompanied Mr Smedley to Litchfield Village where the Freemen of the town met at the Court house to choose their Representatives to the Assembly. Made choice of 1 out of either party, very harmoniously. Had the rare felicity of surveying a late large, well executed Map of the State at the Gool Tavern. Mr S. having finished his business in town rode with me to Mr Edward Stone's (youngest of Mrs Harwood's brothers) W. side of the town where it is hilly, stony, & rugged, but favorable to grass - as for grain had no information - 4 or 5 miles from the Court house - and 5 from friend Gid's - They appeared happy - living on a small farm which they hired of Miss Lindley who resided with them, being a kind of old maid - house and barn small & tolerably snug.
795 Late P.M. Mr S. & I departed, arriving at his house in the evening - Sarah had been sick - remained restless through the night - Sunday night rained & thundered - this day cool - fl'g clouds.

TUESDAY,SEPT. 19th Gallanted Sarah to her brother Ned's - Friend Gid & his lady could not make it convenient to be of the party. Our visit was in every respect pleasing. While Sarah was busy conversing, I employed myself in dictating that letter mentioned p. 787. The old maid I observed harmonized in a manner the most happy with the family - cheerfulness appeared to abound - If ever I saw rural felicity practically enjoyed I think it was here.

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Two springly nymphs were all the children they had - Harriet, aged 10, Anne, aged 7. There was a fool, whose parents lived in town, about 18 years old whom they were hired to look after - Certainly a pitiful object indeed - could not talk plain - not over vicious but would sometimes get violently enraged and destroy his clothes. His upper garment was a kind of coarse slip. We visited their young orchard but found no fruit scarcely worth eating. Our friends were religious - apparently zealous. Past 6 in the evening once more at friend Gid's where a long social eve was chatted away - Cold night, bright moon.

796 WEDNESDAY, SEPT 20th It was a pleasant morning and we were generously assisted by our friends to start for New Haven. At the first gate below Litchfield, the old lady who attended made us some trouble about change, which filled me with all those sensations felt by the anxious traveller when hindered. We drove on felicitating ourselves with being blessed in fine weather, good road and good health, but these enjoyments were soon shaded by fears, after passing Watertown meeting-house, that we taken a wrong route - I muttered along the road several miles, declaring I would persist in keeping that road till night, if I were to arrive at a place 40 miles from N. Haven. Thought it would look too clownish to ask anybody the way, whe n I was in the great "Litchfield Turnpike". However the fretting vexation was not of long duration. Our doubts were happily cleared away and we proceeded forward without meeting any obstruction or taking refresshment till within 14 miles of N. Haven, where we halted at a new tavern situated in a rough country, but the sect was pleasant.

A plan which they had of the City assisted materially in finding out the streets through which we were to pass to gain Sodom Hill - S. or S.W. of the town - the residence of Mr Josiah Stone. Here we overtook 4 waggons heavy laden with butter & cheese for the N. Haven market. Two P.M. again set forward under easy motion giving ourselves leisure to observe

797 the most striking & prominent featuresof the country which consists of a rugged though not lofty ridge on our left, becoming more singular in appearance and rising more perpendicularly as we approached the limits of the City, which we entered 5 in the P.M. Here, there having been , if I mistake not, a Regimental Review, considerable confusion prevailed. We easily found the residence of Mr Stone, whose lady received us kindly and immediately sent for Mr S. who in a little time made his appearance. Having been introduced to him and and spent some moments in conversation he shewed me about the City, walking through many streets visiting the gardens at the Museum, which however afforded little satisfaction as it was too late in the day. - what we saw being by means of moon-light. Crossed the Public Square by the new stone (Episcopalian) church - thence by the Colleges to J.Roger's quarters, but the boy not being at home, left word to have him come over to Mr S's to see some people from Bennington. When Mr S. and reached home we found him there a circumstance highly pleasing to me and Sarah. He retired with me taking a short walk, which, gave us great freedom of conversation - We returned to the house - He staid till the 9 o'clock bell rang, which that night happened an hour too early and then went home.

798 A few moments subsequent to his exit, as the others sat conversing & I writing, the cry of "Fire" was heard - Mr S. & I hastily run towards the spot from whence the light proceeded. So absorbed are our minds in what particularly relates to our interests that it shows itself on many occasions where public danger or the sufferings of the public would seem to be paramount to the every other object.

At first I was much alarmed for the safety of my horse, as the smoke appeared to issue not far from the place in which she was stabled, but on a nearer approach, found myself happily mistaken. The building which had taken fire was a small barn, on the N. side of Luther Lane or George's Street. We immediately joined a company who had found or formed a line of buckets from some well or fountain on the lower side of the street, but had not worked long when it was broken up by the indiscreet conduct of some persons who assumed to themselve the command.

I now gave up the idea of being an assistant, choosing to be a spectator, therefore followed Mr S. pretty closely wherever he went. The crowd and confusion was equally great. While a few sailors were making the most manly exertions, half naked, stepping with bare feet among glowing firebrad without apparently noticing them, others were warmly engaged at boxing or clandestinely picking pockets - several instances of which occurred to the amount of $15 to $20 - and it was supposed the fire was wilfully set for that very purpose. In the management of
799 this fire no regularity whatever prevailed, except in the Engine Department, which acquitted itself honorably - but the body of the citizens were a mere rabble without a head - for although it was soon got under and the danger ceased, yet was the cry of "Fire "Fire", "Fire" long and loudly vociferated through the streets - and the bells continued ringing sometime. When we were about to depart from this terriffic & troubled scene, we saw an officer lugging off a poor fellow through the multitude much against his will, for what purpose did not then learn, but were subsequently informed that he was caught in the act of picking pockets.

I had now been presented with a frama entirely novel (if I except being at the fires in Bennington - June 1812) and highly disgusting to me - little did I envy those who preferred a City life to a free more expanded country residence. Happily no other building was damaged, nor bones broken. The moon shone very bright which made it very good in getting about - Apprehensions being allayed we retired late.

THURSDAY, SEPT 21st Early in the morning accompanied Mr Stone to head of the Wharf to buy lobsters & clams - the former were a curiosity to me having never seen any other than those which are found in brooks - returned shortly - They cooked a clam to see if I liked it, which upon trial proved affirmatively A breakfast
800 of boiled lobsters was prepared, to which I sat down determined to throw aside fresh water prejudice & partake as freely as my friends of the dainties of the sea - Some part went smoothly - some heavily - but having eaten a lobster's tail, could get down no more - concluded it was necessary to be in motion. Walked with friend S. down into the City - I am not certain whether he went with me or not, but rather think not - Visited the new stone church - observed the curious plaistering in the inside which had a high polish - Bought a pair of spectacles abd 4 quires letter paper at a large book-store - marched down upon the wharf - a few cargoes of molasses had lately come in - boarded 2 considerable vessels, not many <u>in</u> and <u>those</u> principally belonging to N. Haven. Saw one turned down to pay her bottom - three or four large ones lay off in the harbour, one of which being new and preparing for a S.Sea voyage I had a great desire to visit, but there were no means at hand by which I could have gratified that desire. The wind blew very raw, harsh & chill from S.E. At the conclusion of this ramble, finding my lobster to be very uneasy at my stomach, returned

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to my friends, sat down to write, but was soon convinced that this would not do - sought relief in ercise - posted off to the stable where my horse was kept, which was at some distance, and contrary t to the entraties of our host & hostess, prepared for going to Branford - Meantime the lobster greatly disturbed - some part of it at last cast up - Felt some better - could eat nothing although thg they invited me to a good dinner.

801 of boiled lobsters was prepared

Mr S. appeared to be almost angry because we chose not to stay, but we had already become sick of being longer confined in this place, although we were politely treated and liked the people, as far as acquainted. Friend S. Lived too, in a pleasant part of the town - I should say not far from the S.W.angle, out of the crowd, however, even to this I preferred the sweet country air. So we cleared out between 1 & 2 P.M., calling on friend Jonathan at Fairchilds' shoe factory, who obtained leave of absence, but not being dressed we waited for him at Mix's Museum impatiently enough - At last he arrived and we set out once more - Crossed over Tomlinson's bridge, paid 18 cents toll - Had a pleasant ride to R.B.Stone's, Pave St., North Brandon - Mrs S. & children in health - Mr S. employed at painting at N. Guilford. I will now hazard a few remarks on the cou country as it appeared to me in my flight from the city to this place. It is generally hilly and sandy, of a chocolate colour - Many of the buildings old and decayed - the fences which were not high, commonly half stone wall (post & rail) rocks & stones very mossy - so likewise were the fruit trees,which were scrubby and in poor condition, fruit scarce this season - Numbers of apple trees dead & dying -- peach trees are numerous, & irregularly scattered beside the highway & about the fields. I am so little acquainted with geographical delineation that I might as well not attempt it at all, but will write as much as this, that the country rises into gentle hills between which are narrow vales - a few swamps - a great number of clumps of woods, independent of numerous shade trees growing in all directions, in the fields & meadows. To what particular course of cultivation it is best adapted or conducted I am not prepared to state.

802. FRIDAY, SEPT. 22d Late Thursday ev'g a great storm of wind & rain commenced abd continued all this day, from the E

The old house which was of ancient date abd construction, 2 stories in front, but 1 in rear, was in poor plight to withstand a storm of so furious a kind. They lived the N. ground room to occupy as a kitchen, into which the rain beat in several places copiously, but in the upper story it appeared that the S. chamber was privileged to them where it leaked but little, It was always an unfinished mansion which with the ravages of time, gave it a grim appearance - in fact the chimney which was built of stone loosely laid up, presented a frightful, ~~mess~~ mass which threatened the tenants of the tottering establishment with destruction. If I rightly recollect, it fronted to S.E. - on the N. end was a small building adjoining, used in better days for a cheese house, but now bowing with age. Back of Mr S. room was the shell of a snug bed room - the floor fallen, the N. side half torn away from the ground upward - S. of this we come to the kitchen, which was entirely useless in wet weather and not much less so in dry - a dark lonely apartment. The S. room was occupied by Widow Hoadley & her daughter, of whom friend S. rented his part of the house. The suite was ~~not~~ to me agreeable and the neighborhood well inhabited by thriving farmers who occupied good houses & decent farms - I became partially acquainted with Messrs Joseph and John Frisby during my visit - Friend S. returned

home late in the day - Had a good opportunity with Jonathan on acc't of the storm.

803 SATURDAY, SEPT. 23d The fury of the storm during the late part of the night and this morning till past 10 o'clock was beyond all description, but happily for that part of the country subsided and passed away in the P.M. - the streams were immensely raised and considerably damaged sustained in the destruction of mills and bridges - However, it was but lightly felt here compared with what it was at the eastward, where it caused great havock - see newspapers of this and a subsequent date. I was glad to obtain my liberty again - Jonathan walked with me into pastures S. of the road where there were plenty of juniper and barberries - ate a few of the former, gathered a quantity of baberry roots to carry home for making snuff for my mother - J. assisted. Found some peaches that yielded a tolerable flavour, but the glory of this kind of fruit was over for this season. The pastures appeared to be less p productive than those of Vermont - and so many rocks and stones were scattered up that the prospect to my eye was quite unpleasant.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24th Mrs Stone & Sarah rode in the waggon to meeting at Dublin Village. Friend S. & I went down to the river, the E. branch of Branford river which was full 6 rods over at the bridge, a;though considerably fillen, to see them safely across. He performed this service, which was executed without dif ficulty, the water came over the hubs of the fore wheels.
We returned to
804 to the house, calling by the way at a cider press in an orchard where we drank cider & ate apples which added to the peaches I had eaten vaused drowsiness so that a nap was found absolutely necessa ry. The ladies having returned from service - I conveyed Jonathan 5 or 6 miles on his way to New Haven. We began to hear of the terrible effects of the late storm.

MONDAY, SEPT. 25th Fine day, which was improved in visiting at N. Branford, or as it is suually called Dublin.
It is a pleasant little village about 9 miles, a little N. of E. of N. Haven, containing when I was there a small meeting-house, 2 school-houses, 2 stores (one of which was kept in a dwelling house) and about 20 dwelling houses - a small mill stream intersects the road to N. Haven at right angles as it flows from N. to S. over which is a short bridge leading to a pretty square, whose W. side is bordered by a road leading N. - the N. side by a house, in which an Inn had been formerly kept, and a cooper shop. The E. side by Mrs Clarks', late Mr Monroes' handsome house, & elegant store, 2 stories high. and the S. by the road. On the W. side of the rivulet stands the church, near which are two burying places, and the school houses. As we stand with our eyes to the N. suppose we take our station on the bridge - On the right, N.E. of the square, rises a considerable hillock in the form of a sugar-loaf - On the left gradually commences the ascent to the lofty Toket Hill, which about half a mile down the city road falls off towards the sea almo almost perpendicularly affording
805 a very enchanting, extensive, and most delightful view in a southern direction, being the highest point of land within 8 or LO miles all round, A road runs along the E. part of this hill towards the N.E., which is the course of the spine of the ridge, on either side of which (the road) is situated many pleasant farms. S. of the village in the vale of the rivulet, were handsome, meadowy fields and pastures. Thus having attempted a description of this pleasant

hamlet I shall return to our visit. We made it head-quarters at Mr James Harrison's where we were made heartily welcome on account of Sarah's parents having been their near neighbors, which caused a very intimate acquaintance between them. Mr H. was a man about 64, full of vivacity and juvenile pranks oftener seen in young men of 25 than in persons of such an advanced age. His greatest pleasure seemed to arise from the practice of music in which he was well versed, and would still sing surprisingly well. I certainly never saw a man of his age who could sing so shrill, soft & clear. Could even perform handsome treble - sang one or two tunes as high as the flute. All the leisure he could command was devoted to being with me, singing, and hearing me play on the flute. In contemplating this this singular man's behaviour the most violent fits of laughter involuntarily overwhelmed me, so that I could hardly contain myself. When dinner was ready, Mr H., according to custom I suppose, asked a blessing, during which I was in pain from the propensity I felt to laughter, to observe the ludicrous contrast in his conduct not 30 minutes before I had heard him use profane languzge, and the whole tenour of his actions was diametrically ppposite to this
806 piece of devotion. In fact could I justly describe this eccentric personage it would extort a smile from the rigid moralist that ever existed. Mrs H. was a different turn, more sedate, but sociable - her manners of the plain, ancient, unaffected stamp - kept her house neat & in good order - and appeared (to) much pleased at seeing Sarah. Soon after our arrival we visited the cemeteries of the dead, one of which is S. of the meeting house on the opposite side of the highway, the other in which, Mr Stone, my wife's father was interred, is on the bank of the river, E. of the church. Having finished this perambulation we returned to Mr H.'s and thence to Mr Joseph Burnells(, presenting him this volume to have him inscribe my name in it as it now stands. Mr B. was not at his house - did not see him. A few moments spent here, which Sarah improved conversing with Mrs B. & again returned to Mr H's. We now separated, S. went among the old neighbours in quest garden seeds and to see the folks, while I strayed up the road which followed the course of the rivulet to the N. gathering a few peaches by the way. When I had proceeded a 100 rods or more I observed several good houses & patches of corn near them, wheeled short about and marched back to the green - stretched away over it to Monro's garden in quest of peaches - Disap pointed in this laid my course for a young orchard of apple trees the opposite side of the fence, where
807 a young man was raking rouen - asked him to point out a good fruit tree - he showed me several different ones but upon trial found nothing agreeable or enticing in them - Visited the summit of the hillock mentioned p. 804, and enjoyed a pleasing view of the surrounding scenery - then descended into the aforementioned garden, thence into H.Monro's or Clark's shop store. I had once seen Mr M. at Bennington and knew him to be a musician, which excited in me a strong desire to see him, but at that moment in which I entered the store, he rode off to hear his grandfather's will read, Mr Clark, a young man about 29, who had in a kind of shuffling manner married his, M's, mother, a person of upwards of 40 years of age, late widow Monro, whose first husband had employed said C. in his store as Clerk, and found him to be of a rougish cast, though possessed of a wonderful faculty in th mercantile line - as I was going to observe, he now appeared to be the person entrusted with the care of the store and with much affability introduced himself to me by saying my lady had just been there. - and asked me several questions by making acquaintance. A short tarry here was sufficient to establish in my mind the character which this poisoned shop bore. There were a num

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ber of idle, worthless, unpricipled men hanging round who busied themselves at pitching quoits to get grog. Soon became satiated w with a scene so opposite to my feelings - crossed the green and the bridge - enquired at a house N. of the meeting house, for Sam Russell's

808 a house of which I had often spoken, creating in me an ardent wish to visit it. By the direction of a handsome youth I easily found it; being situate on a pleasant spot a few rods E. of Monroe's store on the S. side of the road. S. unknown to me happened to be seated at a window as I got against the mansion, and called to me, but making no reply passed on beyond the barn which stood on the same side of the way. Threw myself over the fence in a rich meadow, then over a 2d fence into a young orchard where I found another youngster raking rouen - Marched around 'till I had made the circuit of Mr R's whole farming establishment. Sarah again gave me an invitation to call, which was accepted. Her cousin Rufus Butler having business in the village came there to see her - she introduced him to me - he requested from us a visit, which was promised - very lively in conversation - made some odd remarks on the relative size of his children.

Having supped with Mrs R. (Mr R. being at home, but for some reason not at table) we returned about sun-set to Mr Harrison's. Mr H. had invited friend friend Monro with two other musicians to his house this eve'g, but sorely to our disappointment, owing a collection at the store occasioned by a school-meeting in the P.M. Mr M. nor none of his friends attended.

TUESDAY, SEPT 26 It was charming weather, being very mild.

809 First pushed over to Monro's store, but finding Mr Clark and a fellow toper named Cohan playing their idle pranks, retreated in deep disgust - recrossed the river up whose western bank proceed with a slow pace several rods, amusing with a turtle which happened to find. Turned to the left directly up Toket Hill, plucking a few peaches and apples by the way - Continued my walk through a handsome oak grove where I sat me down to rest a moment, playing a few tunes. The pasture ground in this quarter was clean and smooth. Being arrived at the brow of the hill where there was an opening in the wood a most delicious, captivating & extensive prospect met my eyes. A wide expanse of land and water could at once be surveyed, comprising the circumjacent country, L. Island Sound and the sandy shores of <u>that</u> Island. I imagined by the help of my spectacles that I descried a sail in the Sound. Having stood sometime to enjoy the exquisite pleasure resulting from a view so novel and interesting I descended the S. side of the hill, which is very steep, into the N. Haven road - walked about 3/4 of a mile toward the city - then faced short about and returned to Mr Harrison and dined. - Soon after this Mr Monroe came to see me - requested him to play the flute, which he declined to do, saying that it caused a pain in his breast. I played over a few pieces with which he appeared greatly pleased. He at last consented to perform, but although it was good that ~~yet~~ was not that fulness, that roundness to the notes which I esteem in musical performances - He invited me

and I followed him to the store - Sarah at the same time went away to Mr Nathan'l Page's to visit a
810 daughter of Mr P. who had been lately married a Mr John Palmer seaman - She expected the company of Miss B. Monroe to this house, but had to go alone. Miss M. having other concerns to attend to.

The store, as I presume was customary, was filled with such characters as every moral, sober minded person must deprecate the existence of in society - their actions & conversation made a lasting & most hideous impression on my mind, which caused at once a ca conclusion in my breast that if Mr M. did not soon dismiss such a worthless gang from his shop, ruin must inevitably follow.

While getting my horse shoes fastened at the shop of Mr Amos Page I observed them very deeply engaged at pitching quoits, an employment usual in such circles. Mr P's shop stood on the E. bank of the river S. side of the Square near the bridge. Sarah had engaged to return at sun-set, but not making her appearance so soon, harnessed up and rode nearly to Mr P's, where I wished I had found her, having a particular curiosity to see the late Rebecca Page, now Mrs Palmer and her sister Abigail who, likewise, not long before, was married to Mr Roderick Harrison, and had a child.

By what I could learn the former lady was in not the most pleasing situation at the time of her marriage, which was at this time very manifest - Those ladies were Sarah's old friends before she came to Vermont - She said they were all well - had a good visit there - they wanted very much to see me. Took a friendly leave of Mr H. & arrived at R.B.Stone's after dark. Mr J. Frisby spent the wvg there - played the flute for him. Northern Lights were seen.
811 I think my notes from which I have taken the foregoing in some instances convey a clearer idea of some things I have attempted to describe than the copy does. About the village the apple trees looked more lively and bore more fruit than any I had noticed. When we stand on the green facing the E. the road running in a straight line as far as Mr S. Russell's, causes his house to appear to great advantage - The road then turns to the N.E. up a grad ual ascent, leading to N. Guilford.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27 We rode with Mrs Stone and her youngest child to Mr Eber Stone's about 2 miles from N. Guilford meeting house. This gentleman, one of Sarah's uncles, was a large stout built man in his 77th year, his senses bright, and although under the influence of a painful disease, which was seated in his breast and left shoulder, could jest abd laugh as if the weight of age had not oppressed him - he recognized Sarah as soon as he saw her - said it was 20 years since he could do a day's work in a day - I said 20 years, but I believe he said 15 or 16 - It put him out of breath greatly to walk - S. had not seen him for 3 years. Our aunt was a tall slim lean slender-made person being in respect to corpulence exactly the opposite of her husband - remarkably open and clear in articulation and quick to hear, although in her 60th ye year. V. 1V p. After dinner sat down to write but feeling dull took a long walk which carried me north more than a mile.
812 Stopped at a cider mill & conversed with a gentl'n who informed me where Mr Osborne Stone, Sarah's father, once lived, where she said she was born, and I saw the spot myself - All that part of the town is pleasantly situated - much less rocky & stony than Branford.

In returning from this stroll saw friend R.B.Stone painting a building - he told me he purposed to go with us next Friday to the sea. He said he had just come from his uncle's,where he had seen his his lady & sister - Having returned to uncle E's sat down to writ-

ing - not long after Sister Clarissa & S. came in with an old aunt on the Stone side, a poor widow living in the neighborhood, named Rachael Wheaton. She was a short, think, corpilent, round favoured person, dark complxion, with a streak about the eyes still darker - the general make of her countenance showing a striking resemblance to her niece, Mrs Smedley of Litchfield. To her & likewise to Mr Gid'n Stone, only son of Uncle E. nearly 40 years of age, I was introduced. Mr S. had been hunting - his affairs, although far from being desperate, exhibite certain traits which indicated his propensity to hunting - what I saw about the farm was in decent order. He took care of the old folks and had the Homestead. His wife was a smart, young looking woman about 30 - had 4 children, the youngest but a few months old and sickly. About 5 o'clock cleared out for home. On the road alighted at a turnip yard, pulled a mess &
813 flung them into the waggon - Had a safe arrival and in the evg visited Mr John Frisby - I went alone - he was surrounded by his numerous family - Found by conversation that he was a democrat, but not on a broad scale having taken no papers nor attended Freemen's Meeting for several days, however it was a great gratification to me to find a democrat in so federal a part of the Union. Played the flute - they appeared highly delighted with music - and as I departed invited me to bring over my lady next day, which I engaged to do.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28 Chopped some wood for Mrs Stone in the A.M. P.M. went chestnutting with Sarah & one or two of the children, had tolerable success. When unengaged attended to writing and reading. Fine weather and warm.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29 Friend Stone having procured a chaise & horse for the conveyance of himself and lady we joined company and rode to William Stones at Point o' rocks 1 mile S. of Guilford Village. Faulkner's Island's about 5 miles S. in the Sound - the lighthouse appearing like a black post - Here I first touched the briny element - Walked about the rocks down to the water's edge - took up some in my hand and tasted it. While Mr Stone went out at the mouth of the river, in a boat to catch oysters, I tarried with the ladies at the Inn. On the side of the house
814 toward the sea a great number of names and initials were scratched or engraved. I left my name, residence and date there. Saw some carriages, waggons, &c said to belong to persons who had gone out on a party of pleasure in a light sloop or vessel of some kind kept for such occasions.

There was a swelling character there who did not accompany them whom we did not muchnfancy. Being tired of staying here set off to coast it round through a salt meadow to gain the shore near where Mr Stone was at work - fell into a ditch where the mud where it came over the tops of my boots - crossed the bridge down to the dock where lay a vessel - 2 men were on board taking dinner, which consisted of plain materials - The people who were oystering were a short distance from this vessel - they soon ended this business and Mr S. and I returned to the tavern, where we paid our bill, which for horse-keeping I conceived to be high - came on to the bridge, took up our oysters and made the best of our way home, where we arrived and supped in good season. It appeared odd to my friends to see me use vinegar on oysters. In the evg visited Mr Frisby & his people. Fine day. Had a good ride.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 30th Rode 5 miles to the Buler establishment on Toket Hill - the road being full of pebbles caused it to be bad riding which made me fret all the way from Dublin.

815 Their being strangers to me excited no great anxiety in me to go there, but nevertheless was well received, abd although their habitation bore marks of great age and decay (a matter always indiffere ent with me) had one of the best visits that were made during our tour - We dined with cousin David Buler abd numerous family of which the eldest (Rufus) was not over 15. I liked his lady well.

They lived on a place owned by their uncle John who was never married and was taken care of by them - a little odd but cheerful & sociable - between 60 & 70. Mr D.B. and his eldest son were excentric beings - blessed with great mechanical talents which appeared ~~to-bein~~ repairing fowling pieces &c. Here we ate some good pears. Called a moment at uncle Matthew's - The residence of Mr D's father hard by - all well. Cleared out in time to reach brother Rufus' - Sarah having been hailed as I ought to have previously observed by an old female friend, Miss Patty Palmer with whom she conversed without alighting - this lady was shortly to be married to a Mr Button - Called at Mr Bunnel's - no name written yet - Cousin Chauncey arrived in the family this evening - lived at Ab'r Rogers'. Fine weather.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st Talked of going to meeting, but gave it up. Packed our things preparatory to leaving town Read Clark's Travels and slept. In the evening Mr Stone accompanied me to Mr Bunnel's where he left me to tarry all night so as to recieve my book in the morning - we discoursed on politicks - found him a

816 federalist - rejoiced at the downfal of Bonaparte. It was very warm this day.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2d Breakfasted here and having impatiently waited till Mr B. had despached his man with a load of cider to market, he then reluctantly executed the inscription of my name as it stznds, p. 1 Gave me a letter to carry to his wife's son, Wm Hale at Sheffield and then in a very friendly manner walked with me the whole length of his farm to shew me the way across lots. to friend Stones' - we parted talking of Bonaparte - Sarah and I abot noon, having ended a long, and to us, pleasant visit among our Branford relations took our final departure, arriving at Josiah Stones' at 2 P.M., not without partially losing our way after getting into the city. I soon found my friend Rogers and Stone who went with me to view the Gov'rs Guards consisting of a company of cavalry & another of infantry. superbly equipped - the former in red and the latter blue uniforms - Visited the new Churches - Saw a large bell which they wereprepairing to suspend, weighing as I was informed a ton - next walked the whole length of the wharf with our ladies who shewed great concern at seeing us near the edge fearing we might fall - no material alteration since I was here before except traces of damage done by the storm, which comparatively was nothing - boarded capt Miles' neat Packet - Returned to S's and supped about dark - ladies fatigued.

Ten at night with S. & Rogers walked to the opposite end of the the town at Tomlinson's Bridge to board the steam-boat Fulton - the view of which gratified me more than all that I had seen or could see besides such descriptive powers as I possess are totally inadequate to the task of even hinting at the elegance and beauty here displayed.

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Saw 2 very neat maps - the one of Connecticut, the other of the country 30 miles around, N. Y. City. Past 10 returned and slept at friend S's. He regretted our not arriving here on Saturday when he had procured a boat to carry us on board of the South Sea ship.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3d Took with us 2 of their children, Jane and John, aged 10 & 8, and came to Litchfield S. Farms - had a pleasant ride - The boy and girl were to tarry at Smedley's while their mother was on a visit which she was calculating to make among her friends on the Hudson.

Our friends were in good spirits and endeavored to have us alter our resolution to proceed directly for home, but it was unalterable.

Mr Smedley gave me an errand to the Smedley's at Williamstown respecting Mississ ippis lands granted to the soldiers of the French war in 1763 about which now there was a great hue and cry in Connecticut - Left it in writingmat a house in their neighborhood, as I passed through there next day.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 It was a frosty fine morning. At 8 left Smedley's in peace and friendship - stopped at Hunts in

818 Canaan - thence to Root's lower end of Sheffield - At the upper part of Canaan there was a Regimental Review - At Sheffield Village left the letter to Wm Hale - Crossed the Housatonic about & between 7 & 8 in the eveg arrived at uncle Taylors' where we were cordially ree ceived and well entettained. Talked awhile and retired.

THURSDAY, OCT. 5th Having received the kindest treatment anf the most prompt assistance from our respected old un cle and aunt, at 7 in the morning we started for home, calling at but one Inn during the day about noon. Called for sling which I shou should not have drunk, had I not found it seasoned by a high price, but had reason to repent as it flew strongly into my head - This was at Baker's, Lanesborough. Arrived at the summit of Pownal Moun tain as it began to be pretty dark and began to rain - another little misfortune occurred in coming up the hill - a spoke of one of hind wheels being broken off at fellow was accidentally broken out entirely - we pushed on - the dark & rain increasing till we entered the woods below Mr House's - Here our difficulties became more serious than ever - our beast could not possibly see to keep the road - having come very near being twice overset we alighted & did resume our seat till out of the wood's, after which

819 no other trouble impeded our progress than hard rain, reaching home about 9 o'clock - Found all in health except Mother, who had taken a violent cold sitting up to keep a crazy man from doing mischief to the house. My expenses during this journey were about 12 dollars and 25 cents exclusive of the hire of the horse, which was gratis.

Melissa Street and Mr Heman Harwood and lady were here visiting.

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1 SATURDAY,OCTOBER 14 On the 5th., at night, arrived from Conn't
The particulars are in Vol 3 near the end.
The last nine days, were agreeable and pleasant, very favorable to the transaction of business, which with us was pushed vigorously. A considerable quantity of cider was made - many barrels carried to Atwood's Still, which he, this season, hired to Silas Walbridge Jun'r. Lawyer Squire's cider made & carried to him - finished digging potatoes, of which there were about 150 bbls generally of good size, yielded tolerably, covering as near as van be computed 3/4 of an acre. Winter apples were gathered. On the first cousin Catherine went to live with Buckley Squire a few months, being in the 10th year of her age.
This day, P.M. there was a town meeting
2 to appoint a new Town Clerk, the old one J.E.Robinson having taken up his residence in New York City. In going round twice, by word of mouth, chose Isaac Tichenor, Moderator. Jona Robinson opposite candidate - Went round as often for Town Clerk - Aaron Robinson the successful candidate,,opposed to Saxton Pickett. Received a letter per Mail from James Waterman in reply to mine of Aug 16th acquainting him with the death of my grandfather, in which he explained himself very appropriately. Wrote a letter by Miss Lucretia Duncan (who tarried here 4 or 5 days, going by the stages to the Northward) to Elijah Stone of Dunham - L.Canada - to inform him that his brother Jedediah died at his house in Williamstown,Mass., after a short illness on the 30th Sept'r in the 43d yr of his age - Wrote another to Gideon Smedley, Litchfield, informing him of our safe arrival, respecting the health of ourselves, Mr Parsons' folks &c.
Mr Moses Atwood fell from his horse a few feet from his door, a moment after mounting to ride to town-meeting, in a fit of appoplexy, which deprived him of reason instantly and of life near sun-set - in the 46th year of his age. The weather began to change from warm & pleasant to sout, cloudy and cold.

3 SUNDAY, OCT'R 15th Wrote letters to Jonathan Rogers & Mrs Rhoda Stone. The former of New Haven, Conn. the latter of Scipius, N.Y. To the one I communicated some account of our passage home, the situation of affairs here, &c. Sent my compliments to his father, his uncle Josiah & others. To the other was announced the death of her son Jedediah, likewise the visit made here by Mrs Hopkins & son in Aug't - the state of our health,&c. 5 P.M. took a walk in the W. pasture - carried Clark's Travels - rwad read as I walked - his account of the Calmues was interesting. Wore away the evening writing. Uncle Jonas had an itching desire to be along-side a young Connecticut Widow, who came to Mrs Hinman's with Daniel Hinman - by this young man forwarded my letter to Gideon Smedley.
Black, raw, chilly weather.

MONDAY, OCT'R 16th Breakfasted with friend Parsons & his family
Drew the remainder of his apples to the cider mill. Attended the funeral of Mr Moses Atwood. A number

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4 of the most respectable characters in town were present although Mr A. had lived a retired and rather eccentric life, yet by his attention to business & good management, he had honestly acquired a considerable fortune. He possessed a good heart, never oppressed the poor, & left the world with the character of an honest man. He was never married. A few weeks subsequent to his death, his estate of every description was appraised at $
My father was indebted to him in the sum of three hundred dollar $100 of which was dueat this time, the remainder in Feb'y 1817 - Mr Edward Martin preached the funeral sermon - from Rev. 10th Chap - 5th & 6th verses. He performed pretty well considering his youth & limited acquirements. But I am not qualified to judge in this case as sleep unaccountably intruded itself upon me during the greatest part of the sermon. Among the relatives, of whom there were few present, was Paul, Mr A's youngest brother next elder than himself. When the corpse was exposed to view for the last time, it was remarked by all how plain his features were to be discovered - In the procession, my friend Luman Norton walked at my left hand - We were very sociable on various topics - gave him some account of my late tour to the Southward

5 The funeral being ended - went to the printing office - obtained papers. Worked late making cider. Remarkably chilly in the morning - more mild as the day advanced. Thick clouds, strong S. wind expected.

TUESDAY, OCT'R 17th Gathered a few bushels apples for friend D. Clark - Excellent weather - Our work progressed a pace - Capt S.Squire brought on his apples - Mr Capron conveyed Dr Swift's cider, what there was then made, to the Still. Uncle Jonas went to the Furnace with cider & appl's - a good market for these things this season.

WEDNESDAY,OCT'R 18 Capt Squire's apples were ground. The little all of our corn, which was cut up by the roots early in Sept'r was drawn in. Worms came nigh to destroying it - getting only 1/3 crop from about 4 acres - situated S. of those high rocks which from the S.E.boundary of the young orch'd. In the evening, the moon shining bright, Mrs Harwood & I rode home with Mrs Dewey, who came up to see Mother who was in a very ill state of health. She prescribed some notions for her Read the French Minister's Report on the conduct of the Allies. The Band played in Algiers - heard them distinctly.

6 THURSDAY,OCT'R 19th Mr Downs' cider was made. Fine, good weather. Took one of my heedless walks in the evening down the lane towards Mr Parsons' - when returning was surprised by Dr Swift & his brother Heman, who had been to see Mother, who was now recovering from a severe attack from of her cough, which was brought on by sitting up to watch the motions of a crazy man of middle age who lodged here a few nights previous to my return from Connecticut. When they met me, was warmly engaged in music - I thought it a little boyish to be fifing - We received news of the death of uncle Stephen Harwood on the 18 th.

FRIDAY,OCT'R 20th Several members of the family attended the funeral of Mr Stephen Harwood. Friend Sam & I worked at clearing the corn-field of beans, scattering ears of corn &c. Young Nathan came up & assisted us. Had a pretty decent crop of beans where the corn had been destroyed. Mother

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rode abroad for her health - Mrs Waters came down on a visit - uncle Jonas conveyed her home - took D.Clark's 1/2 doz bush'ls ꝑ apples to him. Perused Clark this evening.

7 SATURDAY,OCT'R 21 Mr Parsons' cider was made. Cousin Sam'l at tended Fifing School -,We wished it might have been otherwise, for business was urgent, and the weather fine, but the wind pressed hard from the S. which made us apprehensive of rain.

SUNDAY, OCT'R 22d Very pleas't warm day - Pretty busy - collected newspapers, which had become much con fused. Father & uncle Jonas attended service. Mother extended her airing to Mr House's.

MONDAY,OCT'R 23d 27 years of age this day. Father went to Wilmington. Mr Brown & his horse came here to picking apples in the lower orchard, which was cleared. Mr Batt & his son here half the day - Isaac Downs all day - Cider-making progressed. The cattle broke into the wheatfield, hindred in driving them out. Weather very agreeable. not very cold

8 TUESDAY, OCT'R 24th Raw, chilly, sour & cloudy, in the extreme. Mr Brown kept busy & was very good - chiefly at picking apples. Dr Jonas rode out selling cider at the furnace & to others - His loading was partly composed of apples, which found a ready market at the furnace - Father ar'd from Wilmington with 33 head of sheep - paid Doty for keeping 35 head 20 weeks at $00.2 pr head pr week. Mountains whitened with snow

WEDNESDAY,OCT'R 25th Uncle Jonas & I made cider from our own ap ples - Just at sun-down walked to Swift's & Hydes' to get some wine for mother - they let me have all they had on hand. Father picked apples, but the cold obliged them to quit it & flee to the barn for husking - Judge Fay came down to see about having his cider made, complained bitterly of the Legislature of Vermont - It may be remarked that he was an unsucessful candidate for the bench. Terrible rough cold N.W. wind. Worked comfortably with great coat and mittens on all day.

THURSDAY,)CT'R 26 High cutting wind from S.W. - Dreadful cold working at

9 gathering apples from which I in vain besought father to desist, telling him, in all probability there would be better weather bye & bye - that we should do best at husking. Father Batt & Sam were frozen out in the A.M., returned again P.M. Isaac Judd worked here 2/3ds or all day - Cider was carried to Col Merrill - John Murphy, Melissa Street & Julia Norton tarried the night here Dark stormy night, rained & snowed.

FRIDAY,OCT'R 27th Another extremely inclement day - Strong whirl-winds from N.W. Cider made by uncle Jonas & me for Dr Swift - Carried 1 load to his house at night - plagued to get casks - Did'nt see him - understood he expected some from the store - Went there - made enquiry, was informed that they had all been sold - Rec'd the Argus at Young's - On my return informed the Dr's lady with respect to casks - In the Argus there was heavy news from France - Religious Massacres & immense militzry contributions constituted the main features.

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Terrible wind from N.W. & cold at night. Trees made naked by late winds. Father,'tho unwell, worked with cousin Sam at husking.

SATURDAY,OCT'R 28 Continued cold, but toward evening became more mild - The ground frozen - ice plenty. Dr Swift's cider went heavily for want of casks - took home a load of it & procured some.

10 Father felt impatient to be gathering apples - He and cousin Sam employed themselves at husking in the barn - Uncle Jonas sick of the prevailing Influenza.

SUNDAY,OCT'R 29th Took the chief control of Dr S's cider.Uncle Jonas sick but rode to Mr House's with Mr West. Cousin Sam went to his father's. Made one of my writing visits with Sarah at Mr Parsons' which was highly pleasing. Cloudy, variable weather. W'd S.

MONDAY,OCT'R 30th Cider-mill disordered - father consequently in confusion - Soon repaired by putting soal leather about the necks of the nuts - Cider was made by Dr J & me. Experienced a severe attack of the influenza in the P.M. & evening. Wind S. in the AM. cloudy - veered to N. & cleared up P.M.

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Names	N. Bbls	N. Bshls	Price ~~Raid~~ pr b	D	C
N.Downs for J.Norton	64	incldg tem wk at nigh		5	33
Charles Capron	42		$00.25	10	50
Noadiah Swift	38		00.25	9	50
Heman Robinson	32		00.25	8	
Saxton Squire	15		00.25	3	75
Truman Squire	14		oo.25	3	50
Thomas C.Parsons	10		00.25	2	50
David Fay	6		00.25	1	50
Luther Bliss	1		00.25		25
D.Fay 24 gals					
Pars 16,N.Swift 16	1-2/3		00.25		41
Benj Harwood	150 (Team wk fr T.Squire)			1	25
TOTAL	373-2/3	3779		$46	49

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Copy of a letter from Dr Hopkins to my father & mother.

Hopkinton, June 27 1817

Dear Sir :- I was in hopes long ere this, to have eithernrec'd a visit or a letter from you or from my beloved sister, Diademia consoling me in my great affliction, but I cannot hear from you in any way, whether you are or are not in the land of the living In losing my companion I have lost all my earthly stay - every day brings her to my recollection, and makes me wish to be where she is gone I prepared for so happy a change. Nothing but the heavy load of my sins prevents my flying to her embrace in the celestial regions of bliss. Altho' I have some of the cold comforts of this life, yet all thst can create earthly happiness is gone. No cheering hope, no ray of divine grace beaming in thisndarksome & lonely night to lead my way. I am a widower cold & comfortless.

My family are all in usual health - they are however unsta-

ble as the wind - every day brings new exertions, new trials & new disappointments. Mt son B.W's family with George, has just arrived from Buffaloe - they think now of going to the State of Indiana - but they will or can do I know not what - good luck ap pears to be against them.

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14 TUESDAY,OCT. 31st The night cold - frosty and cold morning - apples considerably frozen. My influenza permitted me to work comfortably . Made cider for Mr Capron. Mr Batt, Mr Brown, Isaac Downs & Sam Batt were in our service gathering apples. Mr Charles Wright came here this morning to hire a horse & waggon for his lady to ride to Pownal,in consequence of painting floors - wished her & his children to tsrry at his fath er's 'till they were dry. Mr Brown was present at the breakfast table, which brought on conversation about the dispute between Mrs Hinman & Mr B. Mr W. being Mr Brown's attorney exercised his ingenuity in imitating Mrs Hinman's speech, in a mannerquite amusing. He obtained what he desired, of Uncle Jonas. Sarah began to complain of the influenza. We were both in a pretty pickle

WEDNESDAY,NOV'R 1st Dear me, what a wretched night I passed thro' The horrors of that night, it would be vain for me to even attempt to describe - Sarah shared fully of the bit terness of this ill-fated night. The influenza had ceased me most violently - in the morning I could not, or conceited I could not sit up - kept my bed. After some pros &
15 cons, father went in pursuit of a physician. Before his arrival I imagined myself better - thought it unnecessary to have him - However about 2 P.M. Dr Heman came down - seated himself by the bedside - talked lively - clenched me by the wrist - made some inquiry how I felt - replied - I felt much better than I did in the morn-'g - doubted whether I needed medical assistance - He said I had considerable fever - must take a puke - wanted to know if I had ever taken one before, told him I had not - then, said he, it will be new business for you. He prepared me a common dose - administered it by small potions - expecting to see me soon wrought upon. But this he found no easy matter - Before he had the satisfaction of seeing this, he had to spend 3 hours & use up no small quantity of his drug. He was all the while extremely lively in conversation with the ladies. Sarah was able to sit up, and be about the house, but knitting was all the work she could perform. It was enough for her to cold my head during the operation of friend Meman's prescription. And to do him justice, I must acknowledge he did well. It carried off the disorder so that I soon recovered. Mr Downs made up the last of his cider which he took of capt.upon shares. Fine smokey day.

16 THURSDAY,NOV'R ~~16~~ 28 Getting better - but labored none. They closed the business of gathering apples. Father paid to S.Pickett $ and to Patchin $ - did not quite pay them in full. Andrew Parsons from Long Island on a visit at his brother's T.C's called on us a few moments - He once resided here in Tanbrook. Fair, smoky & warm. Mother grew quite unwell.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 3d Made cider for ourselves, putting in a small quantity for Judge Fay, not exceeding six barrels - Did not take hold very rash this day - Took up a little gar den sauce - Went over to Wm Wilcox's to bring an empty hogshead

which a Mr Richmond, one of the furnace men, had bought to fill at our press - brought it on a stone boat, which is a bad thing to transport casks on - but I fixed it so that I was not much plagued T.H.C.Parsons & his brother Andrew were here this evening - so was Dr Swift likewise to visit mother who was quite ill.
Thick, cloudy weather, very dark nights.

17 SATURDAY,NOV'R 14th The last thing I did this day was, carrying up cider to Dr Swift's. Husked corn, took care p of cider in company with uncle Jonas - Cut a large quantity of butternut for drying . Smoky, cloudy weather.

SUNDAY,NOV'R 5th Wrote in the book belonging to the Sons of Liberty - No going to church - I suppose on account of the weather, T.H.C.Parsons and his brother were here this evening, the latter related his adventure on board one of the largest British ships of the line which lay off the coast where he resided, during the late war. He spoke of what he saw as surprising surpassing anything he had ever conceived. He shewed me a very nice watch which he said he purchased of some of the British Naval officers. We sat up late - Mr P. told me he should soon return to Long Island - We mutually engaged to correspond together. The wind blew hard from the S. which caused it to be chill.

18 MONDAY,NOV'R 6th Mr Parsons called early to have assistance in preparing to go to Troy - we, finding, I horse & waggon toward the expedition - he carried 9 bushels flax seed for us Father and I readily lent our aid - It was an extremely dark smoky morning - remained smoky through the day - W'd strong from the S. They ground a great quantity of our own apples - but not having quite recovered from the late illness, was excused from assisting. Fine d ay for business. Slept at Mr Parsons.

TUESDAY,NOV'R 7th Husked corn in the barn. In the evening ran with Sarah down to Parsons' to ascertain whether he had returned from Troy - Did'nt enter the house, discovered the waggon near the house, in which we saw a new stove - examined it slightly, thought we heard someone coming out, ran home as fast as we could, it being too late for an evening visit - wished to make no explanation. Raw, chill winds.

19 WEDNESDAY,NOV'R8th Was ordered, early this day, to husking in the barn - and not to show my head again today.This order, however, had to be dispensed with. Mother, beginning to recover from her late sickness, wished to take an airing - Rode with her, in the middle of the day, to Mr House's - with considerable urging she was prevailed on to call in to warm, for, altho' it was sunshine, the wind was chill and piercing - We made a pleasant little visit - widow House - late Gen Levi H's lady, - was musical, cheering & kind - joked very freely and ludicrously about uncle Jonas leaving his great, or rather loose coat there, the Sunday - Or, as it really happened, the last Monday morning. Liked this lady's appearance and conversation very well. Lydia treated my mother with studied attention - excused her bad appearance, which is natural for all woman-kind when exercised about their house-work - tried to have her tarry - finding her determined to go - made her a present of some honey, which was thankfully received with a promise to return the compliment. Saw Mr A.Buck of Pownal at Mr H's - got home at 2 or past 2 P.M. - A great quantity of apples grou'd for Capron.

Diademia husked corn in my absence.

20 THURSDAY, NOV'R 9th High S. wind with some rain - Finished husking corn of which we obtained this year only 30 bushels merfhantable according to estimation, from 3-1/2 acres. See Vol. 3, May & p. 695, 721 - Made a beginning of getting out manure - At night, through dark & mud, carried a brass-kettle on my back to E.Fay Jun'rs.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 10th A great cheese was laid on the press for Gen Robinson - Father & I wielded the shovel in an honorable cause - Mr Brown came over this evening - informed us that he had just arrived from Sodom Vill. where he had ~~met~~ attended the wedding of Miss Theodosia Montague, who was married to a you young gentleman, near her age, (18), of some wealth and good reputa tion - named Moses. See p. 285 Mr Watson, who after about 18 mon months residence in this neighborhood, being about to depart to capt Matthews (N.W. corner of the town) with his lady paid us a vis it and settled accounts with my father. On account of his making cider in 1814 being lost, his memory was so bad that could but very imperfectly recollect anything about it. His charges amounted to $9.84 - father's to $9.19 - paid the balance. Mr Parsons & lady paid us likewise a visit. Mrs Hinman very sick.

21 SATURDAY,NOV'R 11th Flax taken up after rotting 8 weeks - hardly would answer at this late period. Uncle Jonas attended to Gen Robinson's cider - went to mill & to uncle Sthephen or rather to his sons, or his widow's. Friend Sam was despatched with cider and apples to E.Waters' & to do other business. Tea was now, I mean the common sort, 11/6 per lb.
High, freezing, N.W. winds.

SUNDAY,NOV'R 12th Cold, frosty morning - water, cider & apples much frozen - a few bushels of potatoes which lay in an exposed situation, which I neglected to secure sustained considerable damage. The next morning took up and turned them into casks which were immediately filled with cold water - a scheme that in my belief is good in such a case - Gen Robinson's cheese had received but little pressure - To thaw it this morning scalding water was turned into it. In saying it received but a slight pressure I am wrong - It must not be understood so - it had been on ever since Friday evening -they ordered some water cider made - Read very little - assisted uncle J. about fixing Mr Parsons' clock, but it was past our means. The sun dim - cold where it cast not its influence.

22 NONDAY,NOV'R 13th Another cold night, but a fine, fair, warm day followed - A pretty good day's work wrought by us, friend Sam included, at drawing out manure. Cousin Ruth arrived in the stage from Butternut, N.Y., having been absent since the 19th of June - Uncle Jonas made a noctur excursion as far S. as Mr House's - Mr Loomis paid us an uncommon visit this evening - he had an errand here concerning his highway tax - Mr Brown volunteered his services at churning - but his success was poor, fetch ed no butter. Cousin Ruth exhibited a piece silk paper cut in the shape of a fish, having scales and fins painted, which by some preparation, when laid in the hand, curled up, turned over in a manner like a living animal - made no small merriment for us.

TUESDAY,NOV'R 14th Frosty morning, clear, warm day - smoky. The remainder of Gen Robinson's apples - including

30 bushels for Dr Swift & 5 for Parsons, were ground. An errand called me to Lieut Safford's, respecting some business about grand father's affairs. At a school meeting in this district they hired Uel M.Robinson to teach school the ensuing winter.
Made a short visit at Parsons'.

WEDNESDAY,NOV'R 15 Fine weather continued - Judge Robinson & Col Merrill received each 100 lb cheese, or a quan tity
23 added to what they had before received, which made it up to 100wt at $10 the cwt - Sam & I executed house-banking with tan & finished of with carting between 50 & 60 loads manure, which was distrib uted on land intended for corn at the rate of 40 loads to the acre Mrs Parsons' had us all down at her house paring apples - Mr P. was absent at the neighbors a good while - did not like that much - like to see folks where they receive help from others, to seem to help themselves, if nothing more - Broke up at 10 - handsomely treated. Dr Jonas visited at his cousin Stephen's.
We entertained a Connecticut Republican tin peddler.

THURSDAY,NOV'R 16 Butchered 6 swine, of which the heaviest weighing 257 - 2 of them weighing that, the least
210. Maj'r Bowers & S.Pickett had the former. I carried the pork to them - wanted I should throw in something for dressing & bringing it in the rain- This was referred to father who would settle with them himself. We were unfortunate in chosing this day for butchering - snow & rained from the S.E. E.FAY Jr head butcher.
24 I would say a word or two more respecting our pork. It cost us to make 14cwt of this material 70 bushels potatoes, 20 bhls corn & 13 bushels rye, which we estimate at $56.10 If we had possessed the means of keeping them butchering would havebeen deferred several days. Left the records of the Sons of Liberty in the hands of Secy Clark. Presented the paper to Solomon Clark to bind me a new blank book. There were some good pieces received in the papers at the printing office. Returning from town met Mr Brown - asked him how Mrs Hinman did - said she was much as she had been - Dr Swift considered her dangerous - Cousin Sarah's term of service expired this day, for which he received $ .Came here Sept 14th.
He executed his trust honorably.

FRIDAY,NOV'R 17th Uncle Jonas rode to Hervey's clothing works & elsewhere for his health. Attempted to assist about cutting up pork but being taken unwell, desisted awhile,rwad the papers abd Clark's travels among the Black Sea Cossacks.
Worked again in an hour or two. Stormy, rain & Snow.
Mountains capt with snow.

SATURDAY,NOV'R 18 Two thirds of the day staking & top railing the fence round
25 the N. & W. sides of the wheat field. Fay's hogs were in - drove them home - they agreed to confine them - subsequently learned that these creatures had committed innumerable depredations on all the nighest neighbors, which caused animosity towards their owners. They had been over & over again requested to shut them up without producing any effect, but when they found them extending their mischief to distant neighbors - they concluded to delay the business no longer - 2 or 3 days aftdrwards those mischievous animals were deprived of their liberty. Mr Champney shall have credit for coming down to inform us the next morning of their being in our grain.

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At night father set up a great scolding about burning up the wood to make butternut dye. Fair, fine morning, but before noon the S. wind began blowing and before night rain was confidently expected. Ruth & Diademia sailed to Petersburgh in a I horse waggon - The pages of Clarke afforded me entertainment. My grandfather's Will was taken out but doubting what course to pursue, it was returned again without breaking the seal.

SJNDAY,NOV'R 19th Sour homely weather - had no time to write til past 2 P.M. - then labored at it till nine. Uncle Jonas looked over his cider papers. J.Murphy & U.M.Robindon were here.

26 SUNDAY,Nov'r 20th On the 14th the business of grinding apples for this season, was compleated. At our mill was made, including our own, from bushels apples barrels cider. Dar, foggy morning - the fog did not ease till past noon. About 3 P.M. the sun shewed himself but it was shortly obscured aga again by clouds, but it was not cold. - extremely muddy in the roads. The ladies first made use of the boiler of the stove in washing, & were happily suited. The Main employment was toptailing the fences bordering, or more properly bordering the sides towards of the wheat-feild - Capt Norton's & Mrs Hinman's possessions, a few rods of fence bwlonging to the latter on the Dr Fay farm were repaired by us with stuff found on the place. We spent an hour working on the highway - U.M.Robinson began his school - came here to board - Mr John Murphy made a fine visit - assisting in the evening at paring apples.. E.Waters presented a ~~kill~~ subscription for purchasing a bell to the meeting house - Father signed $5- Waters and his wife came on a kind of visit & rec'd 47 lb cheese. Went to Lieut Safford's to inform him that his attendance at our house would be indefinitely postponed - Lieut S. was not at home - left the errand with a boy.

TUESDAY,NOV'R 21st Father sent his brother Jonas to direct in the S. in working

27 on the highway, while he & his son & Mr Brown remained employed on his wown road, which he charged to the public but, though he possessed the right, he had rarely done so. Uncle Jonas reported several gentlemen delinquents who worked, although not by law compelled thereto. We (all) including Dr Jonas served Mr Brown to pay him for working here in haying. Wrote to Gideon Smedley to inform me without delsy respecting the situstion of his lady's health - Simeon Hinman, nephew of Capt Hinman, carried the letter. Uncle Zachariah and cousin Hiram made us a jovial,little visit about sun-set. Pleas't, cloudy, wind S.

WEDNESDAY,NOV'R 22ndFather and uncle Jonas went to town on business. The former paid his direct tax which amounted to $23., nearly double yo what it was in 1814 - See Jour'l V.3 p 353 - My business was scraping out a ditch, N. side of the lane leading W. of the house - Father came from town and made me help him thrash. Capt Waters dropped in & dined here. I enjoyed ill health - felt some ill humour about their black dye. An interesting part of Clarke's travels in the S. of Russia was perused - 1801 - July -very hot- through dense pools filled with an immense number of frogs, toads & other reptiles. The musquitoes were unparalleld for size & number &c A very high S. wind prevailed - cloudy - rain looked for.

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28 THURSDAY,NOV'R 23d Rode abroad on horseback. It came in my way to leave a grist at Dewey's Mill ¾ Mrs D. vey busy brushing down the mill with a wing - Mill under repair in part - Joseph Day was tarring the shaft to the water wheel, that portion of it which first enters the mill and communicates with the cog wheel Proceeded onward to Barnaby's Wood's mill to see Mr John Harwood about coming to make shoes for us, agreed with him to be here at the end of a fortnight, provided nothing occurred to hinder his business. Mr W., Mr. H. & Dan'l Case were employed about building a chimney in the mill house, into which Mr Harwood intended to remove his family when he quitted the school house, where he then lived. Having conversed a good while, remounted and rode back to the Woolen Factory. Called to get a skein of woolen yarn, left there to be coloured red - after waiting a considerable time - was informed that it had not been coloured. Saw Stutely Watson on business & Loan Dunning, with whom I was formerly acquainted, a workman there. While waiting here, a pen & ink came to hand which gave me a chance to scribble my dislike to delay on a slip of paper - left it on the counter - Called next at Hull's - bought a pair of mail straps for /9.

29 Next at Capt Hills to get a few rolls - Spent a little time with Turner,playing on Fassett's flute.- he was in his loom - observed his having the flute lay near him - I presume used it occasionally - Last call at the Mill - no more calling 'till safely landed at home. Uncle Jonas and cousin Ruth went to see widow Rice. My evening business was to count off 41 No's of the N.Intelligencer to account for at the Post Office & read a few pages in Clarke.

FRIDAY,NOV'R 24th As to the weather - it had been muddy, but on the 23d a dry westerly wind prevailed which in a great measure restored good travelling - this day (24) continued the same, but a S'h storm was expected. Assisted by uncle Jonas carted stone off the field N. of the N. meadow, next to Mrs Hinman's Mosley farm - laid them alongside the lane leading to the great road - Father & Mother rode to Mr Sam'l Robinson's,the former went to see Mr Marsh - gave him a note of $18 toward salary. Mr Down & his son John killed a beef which I assisted in hanging up. Uncle Jonas assisted me this evening to make out a statement respecting the cider &c. See p's 5, 20, 21, 11.

Jan'y 11 1821 my father tells me that I was incorrect in stating Mr Marsh's business; instead of giving a note he paid him in hand eighteen dollars toward salary.

30 30 SATURDAY,NOV'R 25 Middling cold - whirl-winds from N.W. ceased at night. The business of the 24th continued-some talk by Dr Jonas about going away, but we pursuaded him to stay. Obadiah Richmond of Hoosick received a hogshead of cider - 3 bbls & 2/3. Rode in a 1 horse wag in the evg to Co. House hill settled accounts with Darius Clark - My charges were $8.00, his $4.33 balanced by taking a due bill of $3.67. Entered the Court Chamber which had just been finished, to hear the Band - they performed handsomely - made a short tarry - returned home. Bought of Sol'o Clark a blank book in which an annual statement of the productions &c of the farm is entered. It will be referred to under the title of "FARM REGISTER".
Pretty cold - very cold night - frozen hard - sharp N.W8er

SUNDAY,NOV'R 26th Continued fine & Pleasant. Father, Lydia & uncle Jonas went to church - Copied the papes

papers of 1814 into my new book. Mr J. Murphy came to make a vis it. U.M.Robinson returned from Church early in the evening - uncle Jonas as late as 11 or 12 to which time I sat up. Tolerably cold.

MONDAY,NOV'R 27th Very early father rose and began taking down the stove pipe

31 he was plagued - the more he did the greater the difficulty - at last the pipe fell - crash - then he was hotly enraged - very sternly rallied me - I assisted him as soon as I could - It was happily adjusted without further confusion. A settlement was made with Silas Walbridge Jun'r who took Mr Atwood's Still this year. It appeared that 58 bbls was the total amount of cider carried there by B. Harwood, of which Atwood rec'd 20 at $1.50 towards debts owed to him - 38 to the Still for which rec'd 54 gs brandy- 5 gallons were sold to Josiah West on the spot at $1.00 per gallon. Father returned to his work toward noon which was like that of Saturday. In his absence I labored at it alone, but not vigor ously as could have been wished, had to wait upon the ladies, being washing day,- some other trifles hindered besides a little of this & a little of that with which a great many are sorely borne down with. Uncle Jonas went to Troy in a waggon with paint for Hull, accompanied by J.Murphy who went to Albany to work in the Union Furnace - Sent letters by him to D.Merchant, E.E.Hosford and Spafford - requesting the American Magazine - Instructed Murphy to pay $1.50 as advance money having already paid $1 & rec'd 2 No's, June, July, to receive all numbers due & all subsequent to this date while he remained in Albany and send them to me.

Father paid him 9 pr cent interest for $100 & 6 pr cent for 49$ Fine day indeed. Mr Brown here in the evg,par'g apples.

32 TUESDAY,NOV'R 28th Not on Monday, as erroneously stated on the next page above, but early this morning that uncle Jonas & friend Murphy rode off to Troy. I refer to that place for particulars. The business commenced on the 24th continued & nearly compleated. Staid a few moments at Mr Parsons' in the evg. Mr Eldred & lady there - had been to see Mrs Hinman, thought she never could recover. A chill S. wind in the morning, but grew warm'r.

WEDNESDAY,NOV'R 29 A singular appearance happened in the weather. Early in the morning fog thick all around - ab about 7 cleared away over our heads but settled down to the N.& S. in those parts of this town contiguous to Shaftsbury & Pownal,over both which places it widely extended. About noon the wind set strong from the S. - began between 3 & 4 to rain. Drawing stone which was begun on Friday the 24th was discontinued after this day Two purposes were answered in doing it - viz, to make easier hoeing in the field where they were taken and to build fence on the W. side of lane between the N.E. corner of the old orchard & the little bridge. Never better waggoning so late in the season up to this time. So may it be said of every kind of work which depended on the goodness of the weather.

33 Uncle Jonas arrived sometime after dark with a load of old iron for the pocket furnace from Troy. Examined the pages of Clarke - That's a fine lively writer. Dark,rainy & muddy was the night.

THURSDAY,NOV'R 30 By request of my father, opened & read, in pre presence of the family, the last Will of my

grandfather. It is in the handwriting of Dr Jonas Fay Esq'r, exe cuted at his house Sept 1794 in the presence of Elijah Boardman, Charles Fay, Challis Safford, Lydia Fay, H.A.Fay, Jonas Fay.

No foddering necessary; except teams, until now, this day be began stabling cows as usual in winter - attended to all branches of the business as if the season had fairly commenced - in fact it surely had, for the wind, which blew us up a moderate rain-storm veered round into the N.W. and caused it to be extremely rough & cold. Uncle Jonas drove his load from McEowen's, where he had left it the preceding night, down to the Pocket Furnace. A load of wood was drawn for Mr Batt.

A scarcity of rain prevailed all this month. It was remarka bly mild excepting a few days (toward the conclusion) about the 12th & 25th.

34 FRIDAY, DEC'R 1st Sharp cold morning, remained cold through the day. Ground dry & frozen. Chill N.W.wind. flying clouds - Winter apples which had till now been kept in an upper apartment were secured in the cellar. Some which lay in the garret at this house were frozen, the others from the S. room in the house S. of this rec'd no hurt. Again visited Mr John Har wood's - his family still in the School house - very much clutter ed - appeared cheerful - the many was busy at his occupation. Promised he would be here the next Monday. Came home by way of Henry's fulling mill - brought away several rolls of cloth, which were handed me by a youngster - informed me the bill for dressing amounted to $6.64 if rightly recollected. Miss Diadem'a had young guests. Mrs Eldred & Mrs Parsons came up on a visit. Lydia & Ruth bought crockery.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 2d Very dry frozen weather. Rough travelling. Small quantity of wheat & rye carried to mill. Drove 1 horse waggon across lots by Wilcox's. Called at the Post Office to settle acc'ts with the P.M. - just gone to the forge. Rec'd of Sol'o Clark these sheets in their present shape.

35 Charged 3/9 for pinding - Talked sometime with capt Smead who asked me in what manner I kept my journal? Spoke of late events in Europe. At the close of the day lent Col. Merrill horse & waggon to bring up the Probate Records from Charles Wright's office - offered pay - took none - Looked over acc'ts with Tho's Clark - not conclusive - Stopped at E.Waters' - Joking - they asked me how my family was. Whether my children cried &c., upon which Mrs W. said if she were in my place she should hope never to have any <u>to</u> cry. Cold freezing night.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 3d Harsh S. wind - No one but Uel visited church. Mr Brown, in consequence of Mrs Hinman's danger - sat off for Conn't to bring his only son to take an eternal farewel of his grandmother. Began writing in this Vol. Uncle Jonas passed over into the E. part courting. Spent the evening writ ing. U.M.Robinson & the girls sang psalms together.

MONDAY, DEC'R 4th Rained from the S. - not profusely. Ground axe Father was absent at the gristmill when Mr Cal vin Bingham brought Mr Marsh's rate bill here to collect tax. From the papers it appeared nothing had been paid by him from 1812 up to 1815. I settled with Mr B., giving a note for $6.34 This was

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36 incorrect - the tax for 1812 had been paid. Could he have been present & settle for himself, Mr M. would have been brought in debt. The apple shelves in the cellar haviig fallen to the ground employed great part of the evening in setting them up.

The following persons were weighed, B. Harwood 157 - Jonas Harwood 151 - H.Harwood, 150 - without boots or hat. Ruth H. 130 Lydia H. 138 - Damia H. 121 - Sally H. 102, and Nathan Robinson 87

Major Bowers this P.M. received the last of the four young cattle which he bought here in the Fall.

Muddy,ugly walking, suddenly became cold, frozen up. Read Clarke's excursion over the high-~~main~~ mountains of the Crimea. This he described admirably.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 5th Early this clear, cold fine morning, posted across the fields & woods to Mr Eldad Dewey's mill to return 2, the only bags they had in the world, which father borrowed for bran-bags - promising to send them directly home this morning. Wound them round the iron by which the mill door is made fast & came away, there being nobody at the mill. At Parsons staid an hour awkwardly attempting

37 to botch up an old pair of boots - wished them to hold together till the arrival of our shoemaker.. Most of this fine forenoon was thrown away looking for some furniture attached to the yoke, used in drawing wood.- not found. In the P.M. boldly advanced into the forest, and after hunting a good while, brought down a smallish load of wood - the first drawn this seas'n. Mr Down had his patience worn down waiting my return - wanting the team for himself. Father with cousin Ruth visited Pickett's store - Rec'd pay of him for pork - P. 23 - Preperations were in train for keeping thanksgiving. Uncle Jonas on the mountain for Mr Parsons - Clark's travels entdrtzining & pleasing to a high degree.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 5 There was a long trial this morning fixing on an additional piece of stove-pipe - all hands engaged. Dr J. went late to his mountain task. A butternut sapling was cut for a well sweep - the old one having rotted & broke after 40 years standing, or not far from that. In the evening a wild goose chase was had in the pursuit of turkeys - Ill luck - A few pages of Clarje were consulted - leaves the Crimea. The ladys in their zeal sit up late, cooking. Very high S. wind. Freezes hard

38 THURSDAY,DEC'R 7th THANKSGIVING. Much said, and much done, this morning, respecting a turkey - A turkey they wanted, a turkey they must have. With difficulty 2 were obtained, the one shot by Isaac Dlwns, the other by Hiram Waters. Another was had by Mr Parsons, for which Mr Parsons rallied us very early, was anxious to catch it Wednesday night. Mr E. Waters killed a cow cow which I fed for him - She was choked with a potato. We made an jnsuccessful attempt to push it down with an swab, casting the creature in the usual way. Waters bought this cow in Sept. for 18 dollars, had her fed here because it was supposed she would do better to have the company of her twin mate. The latter we fatted for ourselves - both coloured very near alike - white with small red spots, or pied, a little under size, 12 years old in March or Apl 1815 - To distinguish one from the other they were named "One Spot & "Five spot" - Waters had the latter which was the heaviest. They closely resembled the cow which brought them - killed in 1813. Of a truly noble breed. Uncle Jonas turned butcher and assisted

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Waters. He also rec'd a new pair of boots made at Severance's on Parsons account, wore them to House's this eve'g, not courting, but for a chit-chat visit - Lydia H. sick. Some went to meeting, others of the house

39 staid snugly at home - Was considerably disconcerted by losing min utes from Oct 23d to Oct 30th. Lost time in looking for them. Those at supper were, the heads of the family, Lydia, Diademia, Sarah, cousin Ruth, cousin U.M.Robinson & cousin Catherine. Uncle Jonas absent at Waters' - Much pleased with Clarke's composition - Advanced him on his route from the Crimea to Constantinople.

Wind high from the S. a little snow at night

FRIDAY, DEC'R 8th Died at her house about midnight in the 64th year of her age, Mrs Annis Hinman. Dr Swift had given her over, but thought she would survive a few days longer. He has not named the disorder, but said it was an affection of her liver. - Her skin was yellow as saffron - considerably distressed - was confined to her house.

This lady was one of those eccentric beings, whose characters are not easily delineated. Perhaps it were better to do in this, as in similar cases, to veil the imperfections of human nature, by consigning the faults with the relicks of the person to the same grave. An inordinate thirxt for gain was the chief rule of action with her - no opportunity to gratify this was lost - means and mea sures,however hard and oppressive,were pursued with avidity, if lucre was the object. To the poor she was unkind, but to the rich & those in good circumstances, she was neighborly & accommodating. As to

40 her treatment towards me personally or the family, there is ~~neither~~ nothing of moment or of any weight to be said. in the way of dealing as neighbors we often rec'd favors at her hands. She was extremely illiterate, could neither write nor read writing - had recourse to others to transcribe and peruse all her writings. In con versation she possessed no merits above her favorite theme of getting & keeping property, in this her abilities most conspicuously shone. On almost all other topics her ideas were but ordinary. Her tongue knew no restraint. Whatever was uppermost in her mind, fell carelessly from her lips, without regard to person, place, or time. Her manners were coarse and unaffected. She was subject to sudden transitions from the most poignant grief for departed friends to the the most lively and animating mirth. A retentive memory, rarely to be met with, supplied the want of literary acquirements..

The society she enjoyed, notwithstanding her disadvantages on the score of manners & education, was polished & respectable. She kept a table always well supplied with dainties - Dressed richly when abroad - Loved ease to excess, which perhaps was the fatal cause of her dissolution.

It may be proper here to give a short history of Mrs Hinman's family. She was born at Southbury, C't & married to capt Daniel Hinman 177 by whom she had

41 her only child, Betsey, born April 1st 1775 - and she was married to Mr Sam'l Brown in the year 1795. Sally, Mr B's eldest daughter, was born Oct. 1796. Soon after this, Capt Hinman & Mr Brown joined thei their property and removed from Southbury,C't to Charlotte,Vt., where they resided 'till early in 1803 adding greatly to their wealth. Having exchanged their farm, or rather one of their principal farms there for Mr R. Moseley's here, they removed to this place. In the fall of 1803 they purchased the Dr Fay farm - and within a short period purchased the farm formerly owned by Parson Swift, with the house & land possessed some years since by Sher-

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man Fairchild. The possession last so mentioned is commonly called the "Riley place" once a part of this farm given to Asa Harwood as a part of his portion , sold by him, after building a small house & an indifferent barn & planting an orchard, to a Mr Sage, again by him to Josiah Riley who disposed of it to Capt. Hinman. In the fall of 1807 when they were bargaining and actually taking possession, of the house formerly the property of Stephen House, Capt. Hinman was suddenly seized with a kind of Influenza, which soon ended in mortality. A series of misfortunes now followed in quick succession. In the proper place it should have been mentioned that in the

42 year 1804 Mr Brown was presented with a fine pair of twins, a son & a daughter. On the 28th of March 1810 Miss Sally H. Brown died of a consumption. In Feb'y 1811 Miss Eliza H.Brown was taken off by the same disorder and Mrs Brown departed this life early in May following.

From this period ensued an intricate maze of litigation between Mrs H. & Mr B. which embittered both their lives & must have continued as long as their property lasted, could life on either side have been prolonged to that time. She willed her property, the value of which was said to be $10,000 to Sam'l H. Brown, but if he should dier he arrived at the age of 21 it is to be decreed to the family of Benj'n Hinman her borther.

Mrs Hinman in her person rather exceeded the medial height - very corpulent, features regular, not distorted by age. Spoke with a singular harsh voice, which added much to her singularity. She was immoderately fond of match-making.

My employment was chiefly in writing letters to uncles and aunts informing that they might attend here in the ensueing Jan'y to receive property left them by grandfather. Did'nt write uncle Clark because cousin Ruth said she wanted to write herself, wishing to induce him to transfer his share to her brother Clark. These letters were deposited in the office this day; but I find by turning to my notes again, they were written principally Thanksgiving day.

43 Due respect was paid to the Dead - Father visited the house of mourning - Visited Court House hill in the evening. Saw two soldiers of the P.Establishment at Fassett's. Over to the Printing Office next, Capt Smead, Sol(o & Darius Clsrk discoursed about excluding foreigners from our private & public sea service. Capt S. & Sol'o were for it - Darius against it - Now left here & walked up into the Ball Chamber at Fassett's - saw 2 figures nearly performed music good - Violib & Clarionett, the former by Horton the latter by Holden. I suppose they calculated this Ball to be a superb, extended, and first rate one. There was a strange jumble of ages in its composition, from 14 to 40 inclusive. Some few characters were admitted who had hitherto been excluded. Perhaps a more Democratic principle pervaded the Lodge at this season than usual. Spent as much time here as I thought profitable, then came home. Stopping by the way at Mrs Hinman's to know if they wished me to assist about watching - Father & Mr Downs sat up - Mr Lorenzo Fassett gallanted Miss Lydia Harwood to the Ball. Very cold-high N.W. wind - no snow to make sleighing - nevertheless some sleighs were in use.

SATURDAY,DECEMBER 9 Cider-mill dismantled & laid up - Well-sweep raised. Isaac Godfrey present to assist. Some other business of minor importance attended to . In the evening accompanied by uncle

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44 Jonas went to the late Widow Hinman's to watch. Lawyer Squier, Mrs S. and Dr Swift's lady were there - likewise Mr West who had been very instrumental in waiting upon Mrs H. & Mrs Street employed as nurse. Mr Squier rendered the company quite lively & cheerful by realting various anecdotes. Toward nine the coffin was brought down and the corpse deposited in it by (Dr Swift) E.Waters Mr West, Mr Caldwell & uncle Jonas. Dr Swift was there. Hiram Waters assisted in transporting the coffin which was uncommonly large. When the company withdrew we were left to ourselves, except having Mr West with us. Hoped to enjoy reading & writing but was interrupted in a manner grating to my feelings by Mr Rich's hoarse loquacious vulgarity about an hour. At length he quitted our & went down into Mr Capron's - Staid a good while there - Mrs Street took an active part in the Rich and Caproonian jobberism. Uncle Jonas sat up all night. I pursued writing principally 'till 2 o'clock, then retired to rest, Mr W. soon after getting up, to accompany uncle J. - Slept well till morning. Had Clarkes travels.

SUNDAY,DEC'R 10th The remains of Mrs Hinman were interred. It so happened that not a single relative followed the bier to act as

45 as mourner - Dr Swift, Lawyer Squier & his lady, Mr West and others superintended the burial. MrsH. appiinted Dr S. and John P.Hinman son of Benj'n Hinman, her Executors. - One circumstance more - Her coffin was richly made,had a silver medal put on the lid whereon was inscribed her name, year of her birth & that of her decease. After interment, feeling unwell, came home - found cousin Ruth writ ing a letter to her brother in Butternuts - In the evening made a pleasant visit at Mr Parsons', writing. Very cold - snow thin - hard uneven walking.

MONDAY,DEC'R 11th Cold moderated, but still freezing, air chill & searching in the evening. Treading out spring wheat our employment. Uncle Jonas on the mountain, chopping for Parsons.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 12 Snowed slowly all day - Father & uncle Jonas settled accounts - which stood thus on the part of the former $141.25, the latter $180.82 - Balanced by note - Uncle J. went with me to town - Settled with Wm Haswell the P.M. whose acc't was $7.80 - mine $8.04 But had I not brought forward a rough minute of the letters received through the P.O. he would have sunk nearly a dollar. Next settled

46 Tho's Clark whose charges were for shoe-making & blacksmithing $11.37 - On our side $9.44 - this was not in full, although considered so then - an omission on our part of $3.20 for the journey of a waggon to N.Hampshire 80 miles which was afterwards brought in & allowed turned the balance in our favor $1.27 Bought 1/2 lb tea - hyson - for 7/0. Mr Brown arrived with his son from Con't.

The President's Message was brought to town th e preceding day Mr Brown brought a letter to E.Waters, and a Pittsfield Sun to me from uncle Eph'm Taylor on which he wrote his compl's.

WEDNESDAY,DEC'R 13 It grew warmer - the snow fell between 3 & 4 inches on the 12th. Father & Mother took a cutter ride to Mr J.Harwood's - the shoe-maker - Came home with a bad description . Uncle Jonas, having chopped on Parsons' Mount

till 2 P.M. after supper took cousin Ruth & Lydia in his cutter & visited Widow Rice & all those good folks in that quarter. Cut wood at the door - mended wooden door hinges - winnowed 8 bushels sp wheat - the last we had. Forepart of the day still - Wind rose from the N. in the P.M. - Mr Brown paid us a visit - Had a long evening at writing.

47 THURSDAY,DEC'r 14 Rather more thsn hslf a day hauling down wood from Parsons' hill to Gen Robinson's flat p Snow light and damp wet through my boots - wir mild & warm. Fath'r sick. John Murphy came from Albany, brought me a receipt from H. G.Spafford - In the summer paid $1 through the Post Office - informed Spafford of it by letter - ordered Murphy to pay $1.50 Spafford when he presented him the money said there must be some mistake - $2.50 must be the sum I meant to pay - accordingly Mr M. paid it. This caused me much uneasiness for awhile, 'till a day or two after Mr Haswell, the P.M., credited me $1. Mr Sam'l Robinson came to see us. Father at Mr E.Waters' settled accounts. The former $51.83 the latter $57.77

FRIDAY,DEC'R 15th Threshed all the oats in the barn along with uncle Jonas. Father superintended joiner work at the other house, executed by E.Waters. He went to town to see about blacksmithing. They pleased themselves playing a sort of farce with Mr Murphy who attended quilting till 1 or 2 P.M. - Then cleared out in low spirits. Mild pleasant weather. - that is if I am correct.

48 SATURDAY,DEC'R 16th A cold storm of rain came on from the S. - rendered it chill & unpleasant. Mr Sam'l Robinson & Dr J.Harwood butchered a small cow - one of the twins - see p. 38 - Quarters averaged 96 lbs - hide, tallow & quart's 484 lbs Father had his oxen shod by Col Norton. Arch'd Duncan tarried the night. Cousin Ruth read the "Fatal Cabinet" - uncle Jonas perused the American Magazine. I stuck to Clarke who generally pleases if he does not instruct. Late in the evening talked with the ladies about travelling & the beauties of the Steam Boat Fulton at New Haven, Conn.

SUNDAY,DEC'R 17th Warm foggy morning - so warm the snow, in cleared fields, vanished. Beczme colder in the evening. U.M.Robinson joined our people in going to Church. Dr Jonas rode to House's in the evening.

MONDAY,DEC'R 18th Puttered about picking up old wood, moving the ash box &c. Dr J. carried some timber to E. Waters', in the evening gallanted Ruth & Lydia in his waggon over the ~~way~~ rough, hard-frozen ground to S.Harwood's to sup on honey-returned late.

49 Travelled to town - Rectified acc't with T.Clark as mentioned p.46 and had chains mended by his blacksmith who I found at McEowens' - After all the gingle with Mr T.Clark about a settlement, a mistake was made at last, which I should have seen had I left my spectacles at home, which embarasses me that I was unfit to do business - It was only small - 20" in his favor - in subtracting $11.37 from $12.64, which should stand thus - $12.64- $11.37 - I.27 - he made the difference but $1.07. Settled the affair about Spafford with Haswell as stated p.47. Saw Th's Crawford who said Elijah Robinson was very ill. Brought home the G. M. Farmer - S.Clark gave me some red ink - Capt Smead complained of

of his lame knee - Asked Cushman if he wanted butter - said he had purchased what he wanted, that too of good quality, from Rupert for 20" - Mr Hull (Paint Merchant) said he wanted a few lbs for which he would give the same price. Had none with me - if I had he would have had none for less than 25" - Mr Jo Norton waited upon Mrs Street here - she bought 40 lbs cheese & 1/2 bush'l wheat. Cold & freezing.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 19th As father and I went to our work assisted Batt & his boy about getting a load of wood. Was obliged to ascend the
50 mountain to the highest part from which Mr Parsons had drawn his wood, to get an axe. Reflected as I passed along reflected on the imprudence of Mr P. in burning his wood so lavishly - again, on en tering our wood lot, the leanness there discovered, gave me feelings extremely unpleasant. We felled and drew out a bass tree which graced a pinnacle of a singular shape, a few rods S.W. the Lime Kiln. Took home a heavy beach draft across the frozen ground

Uncle Jonas labored in Parsons' woods. In the evening paged this Vol. in part. J.Murphy tarried the night - I take it he did. Cousin Catherine came down from B.Squire's - Took her again into the family (p.1) Mild soft weather - No snow in open fields.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 20 A rugged maple near the W. line of the wood-lot, close to Tahbrook ledge was pitched down the hill & hauled out. Mr Dan'l Church of Salem, N.Y. on his return from Soith Hadley, M's lodged here. Mr Brown assisted us in paring apples this evg. Mild day.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 21st Clouds ran low, fore part of the day - light wind from the N. most of the day - Cleared off late P.M. Father winnowed oats - Dr J. sawed beef - I chapped small wood - Went to B.Squire's in the evg., to see about Catherines coming away - it passed off
51 amicably - Stopped at Mr Brown's coming home. Dry cold night.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 22d We thrashed rye. Dr Jonas having split up some old wood at Parsons' played gent'n in town most of the day. He agreed with Lydia & Cousin Ruth to have them call at Pickett's with his waggon where he would join company to make an evening visit at his hon'r Sam'l Robinson's. I added myself to the party in consequence of their ~~adding~~ wanting wick-yarn from the C. Favtory, proposing to gomthere while they visited.

Halted in the street at Judge Robinson's corner, almost or quite dark - very foggy - no moon - Looked all round for Dr J. but could not find him - Saw Mr R. at Fassett's - he went out to the ladies & treated them with sling - they had to sit there while Pick ett drew me a gall'n of molasses and I went to the printing office. After a little hesitation we concluded to return - Met uncle J. a short distance S. Dr S'S on horseback determined to prosecute the proposed visit. We both alighted - exchanged horse & wag'n - in turning - the fore wheels & axle tree separated from the main body, this was soon over, the waggon put together, and they drove off full speed over the frozen pavement. Not long after I came home our old friend Haff made his appearance. To have him stay all night he & I accompanied Mr Parsons home - saw his brother Seth & Jona Ball. Mr H. in good spirits. Vol 3 p. 443.

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52 He & Mrs H. amused themselves with a pack of dwsrf cards while I read news and played the violin. A kind of fine frozen rain or sleet fell in the morning - Cloudy & foggy all day - Dark foggy night Mild - Some chill.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 23d A very lively morning. Mr Haff, Mr Parsons & Dr J. let slip many lively jokes. They all rode to town together. Threashed rye - drew a load of wood for Mr Batt Paid strict attention to uncle J's reading the Annual Treasury Report - a luminous able State Paper. A Mr James Winslow from Athol M's, left here this morning for Shaftsbury - Circumstances low. Mild - Indeed warm - lowery - Sleighing said to be good N. of Shaftsbury to Ch'e.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 24th Warm rainy morning - between 10 & 11 wind changed from S.W. to N.W. - gradually grew colder - Not a great deal of rain - somesnow. Gathered newspapers from April & May to Nov'r inclusive - sewed together by Mrs Harwood. Blocked out a letter for cousin Ruth to write to a near relation which I hated very much to execute. Wrote 7 pages besides.

53 MONDAY, DEC'R 25th Rode out with Mother - left her at Mr Joe Norton's - carried a quarter of beef weighing 96 lbs to Mr John Harwood's - said he would come to our house to work next day. Took a part of his kitt aboard. Saw J.Murphy at Mr Ripley's to whom I delivered a pair of socks wrought by our ladies - had them gratis - he having made them some presents in the hollow ware line. Mr Ripley had lately received a violent fall on the side to which is attached his wooden leg - getting better. Did not visit Mr M's school. Faced about for home. Stopped at Harvey's to buy beeswax - none to spare - 25" pr lb - Did not care much about having it. At J.Norton's warmed (for it was raw ugly weather to be riding in a waggon). Appeared to be think about Mr N's fire. Kitchen floor just mopped - took some pains to scrape my boots. Saw Mrs Strett & Melissa - asked me how I did - At first answered, tolerable, but afterwards complained of the jaundice to which I was subject in those days - Put aboard again - continued at helm 'till arrived near B.Squire's - Had business on V.H.hill - Gave Mother the reins to go to Waters' - - Left axes to be jumped at Hicks & Davis' - Bought Vt Register at D.Clark's 25" - assured him of remuneration for the Columbian. In a snow-squall found Mother at E. Waters', brought her home safe. Father fin'd thrash'g rye. Dr J. attended E.Hill's trial for breaking V.West's windows - S. & I visited at Parsons' - read papers - not very sociable - felt uneasy.

54 TUESDAY, DEC'R 26th About 33 bushels of rye winnowed with a light variable wind from the N. Uncle Jonas drew wood for Mr Parsons. Toward evening Mr Harwood came on to begin his job - Paid Mr Brown a visit. Mr West & Mr J.Hinman present - the former ill of the dysentery.. S.B.Jr & Charles Capron Jun'r went to Mr Caldwell's to bring Mr Brown's flute down for me to play thereon. They succeeded, and Mr B. and I performed alternately. Mr B. talked of disposing of his share of the Swift Farm to Dr Swift - Past 9 Mr B. lent me his flute & I came home. Very even snug winter weather. Ground white, no sleighing.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 27th Drew wood in company with uncle Jonas for Parsons - wrecked coming down with my 2d load - He continued the bus's 'till night with horses - Had a high handed

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scrape at one time with his noble steed in which he came off conqueror - I drew with oxen from Ben Robinson's flat - he bro't small wood from P's hill - some of which he deposited on the flat, to com pleat my loads, some he left there, some he brought down to P's. A small portion of barley was thrashed - Six bushels rye borrowed in August of Capt Norton was returned by father. Mr Brown played the flute here. Tight winter westher - Whiffling winds from the N.

55 THURSDAY, DEC'R 28th The turkies were decoyed into the barn caught & all except three variously disposed of - 2 to Mr Lynch, 1 to someone else - 1 to Mr Rich - 2 to Mr Champney. Dr Jonas carried turkies to town. Spent principal part of the day there. Thrashed 12 bushels corn. Mr Leach presented our clothiers bill which was promptly settled, $6.64 Cousin Ruth cooked a fine rice soup. Father spent his evening chiefly at E.Waters'. Sharp cold morning. Tolerably cold all day. Not cloudy - yellow round the sun

FRIDAY, DEC'R 29th Cold morning - Pleasant day. Mrs H. & L at Parsons' getting overalls cut. Tasted their cider - hard & not to be accounted for - Made it as we made other cider. P.M. chopped up a beach log at the door. Father had business in Algiers - paid to Capt Hills about $11 in full. Dr J. shod sled. Elisha Waters was call'd from a job of painting here to make a coffin for Mr Fay Robinson, youngest of the six sons of the late Moses Robinson Esquire. The former died of wanton intemperance, at the house formerly possessed by Diver on the G.Mountain, Woodford, aged upward of 32 - His brother Nathan died in the same manner in 1812. Hiram Waters painted the cutter which his brother had begun.

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57 SATURDAY, DEC'R 30 Drew 1 load of wood which we once turned over - sledding bad - very little snow - ground frozen hard - caused a sled to slide monstrously - Damages repaired - Went to town - paid Clark 25" for Register bought on Monday. Mr Davis returned our axes condemned - must get new ones. Mother sick - Very little chance for reading these evenings - J.Murphy came here, staid all night. Dr J. out courting Friday eve - arrived here very late this morni'g - say six O'clock - greatest part of the day in town - bought another 1/2 lb tea - p.46 - This evening Mr Parsons was presented with a 2d daughter, being hid 4th surviving child. Slow stormy day from the E. chill as usual - Snow but a mere flurry

SUNDAY, DEC'R 31st Stormy - very little snow produced. Some noise about 'Damia's conduct at school. Miss Eliza N Norton passed the day here. Sarah came home from Mr Parsons' late in the day. Dry barren winter westher characterized this month - Tolerably mild. No good sleighing in this quarter - but at the Northward it was said to be good - Roads pretty smooth for wheeling. Mr Murphy went hence to his quarters S.E. part of the town.

58 MONDAY, JANUARY 1st., 1816 Early in the day went to Dr Swift's for Mother who being quite ill requested to have him immediately - Said he'd come as soon as he had visited Elijah Robinson. No more was heard from the Dr all day - Father went for him in the evening when he told him he had forgotten his promise I asked for a book - Dr Heman took down Bechat on Life & Death & gave it me, telling me if I could have patience to read it I might like it if not, might return it. Spoke about Whiting & Watson's Ed. the Encyclopoedia - His brother talked of purchasing - I intimated that if I were in circumstances to meet the expense, would like to buy with him. A note of 149 dollars, of which 100 was borrowed in 1814 - 49 on account of stove, was given to John Murphy, dzted back to Dec 12th 1815 - Main work - thrashing - Drew a load of bass wood for Mr Batt. Dr Jonas carried in his 1 horse waggon a traveller named Brown, from Ogdensvurgh, N.Y. to Williamstown, M's. Mr Brown & Mr Parsons' were here this evening - To the former a good deal was said respecting his lawsuit - advising to withdraw. J.Murphy came late & put up for the night - Strange weather - Sharp morning - Wind westerly - full of sudden twists till sometime P.M. when it settled in the S. - then expected a storm.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 2d Wind whiffling - frequent changes from heat to cold, & from cold to heat, or what would seem like heat at this season; in the course of the P.M. wind became settled N.W. - a cold night followed. Business like the above. Father went to capt. Norton's with
58 Mr Brown to bring away stray sheep, of which there were 5 apiece. Mr B. in going down had trouble to make his horse go in his cutter.

My intimate & faithful friend Nath'l R.Locke made his appearance here this P.M. p in fine health & high spirits - Reported favorably of his friends in Choconut, Pa., Dr Jonas arrived from ~~Wilmington~~ Williamstown. U.M.Robinson, Diademia & uncle Jonas paid Mr Wilcox & Mr Caldwell's people a visit - Mr Locke remained with us Amused myself with music & reading - Bicket and Columbian.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 3d A very cold morning succeeding the coldest night before experienced this season. Fair - a little hazy - pretty mild except the morning - Symtoms of a storm were observed - Thrashed as above - Mr Locke sat on Mr Harwood's bench & made a pair of shoes for uncle Clark, to be sent him by uncle Jonas, who was now preparing to visit Hopkinton. Those shoes went to pay for a pair (coarse ones) which he left here in the spring of 1815, which were worn out by uncle J. Not much reading this evening.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 4th Uncle Jonas started for Hopkinton - He carried a budget of things to uncle Clark in Castleton. Fearing that he might be obliged to pay him without delivering it personally wrote a billet describing the contents to be left with it. Thrashing still going on. Mr Batt & his lady came over on an

evening visit - They sent for Sarah to Mr Parsons' - Mary Campbell being absent - she went -,staid all night - Went down late in the eve'g - came back pretty soon - The weather stationary - tolerably cold at night.

59 FRIDAY, JAN'Y 5th Compleated thrashing Winter wheat, which likewise compleated that of all our English grain - attempted winnowing - had poor wind - effected but little.

Happened once at Parsons' to borrow, or rather to obtain a borrowed axe - Spent a moment in the house - Chopped wood late in the day - Read Bicket - A N.E. storm began rising - Stern clouds.

SATURDAY,JAN'Y 6th A chill N.E.wind prevailed - fine snow from thin clouds descended - nothing important added to the bad sleighing - Severely cold at night. Finished winnowing wheat of which including Spring wheat, exclusive of three bushels of the latter reserved for seed, there was on hand bushels - To this add of rye 32 bushels bushels corn & Bushels oats & we have in full our supply for this year. A sorry quantity indeed for a farmer who is obliged to hire between five and six hundred dollars at an advanced interest. A pleasant evening was had by a wa warm stove. Sarah arrived early in the evening from Mr Parsons' - had staid there 2 nights & 2 days.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 7th Was not in tune for writing - fore part of the day. P.M. attended to it a little. Assisted Mr Parsons in the evening in making up his accounts of leather to be presented to J.Draper - Deputy Collector for this County - Stormy like Saturday. U.M. Robinson here P.M.

60 MONDAY,JAN'Y 8th After some fluctuating behaviour - borrowed Mr Parsons' cutter into which Ruth & Sarah threw themselves to take a ride - Drove a few rods N. of Mr Brown's finding the ground quite bare, cousin Ruth thought proper to relinquish the undertaking - went home, determined to go on horseback, but happily for her, circumstances apparently worked against her, so that she could notmeffect her purpose. Our object was to carry yarn to Mr Nelly's near the Cotton Factory for a coverlit. Sleighing beyond Dr Swift's rather better, but very poor at best - Halted at uncle S.Robinson's to warm, the weather being of the coldest kind. Having taken a clever heat, drove to Mr N's - there we saw a cold, dirty house, a corpulent,ruddy young lady, preparing a boiled dish, and a young man tailoring. Dispatched our business without much delay with Mrs McN. good looking, or rather a healthful looking person, in her working apparel with a dirty narrow bordered cap, covering her forehead almost to her eyes - and came back to Mr R's, made a short vis - took tea - reached home early in the evening. Brought a letter from the P.O. to Ruth from her brother C.A.Harwood at Butternuts, N.Y. Complained of the scarcity of money. Another letter we obtained at uncle S's from uncle A. Harwood to father - dated, Sempronius, Oct 17 1815 - Speaks of having joined the Methodists - highly of religion and of being much in want of a horse & saddle, hinting broadley that he expected it as his share of the estate. Very cold indeed.

61 TUESDAY,JAN'Y 9th Few colder mornings are seen - brook firmly frozen over, a circumstance not usual. Not much done. Drrw a load of wood for Mr Batt. Father went to town,brought

home a set of papers. The gloom which had enveloped France still continued. The great Canal connecting, or to connect Lake Erie with the Hudson, much talked of. Near night S.W. wind blew harsh, extremely cold, storm expected. Sleighing continued poor.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 10 Cutting cold day - wind sharp from N.W. Mr Parsons here great part of the day keeping us company. Between 2 & 3 P.M. we entered the woods, knocked up a parcel of old stumps, brought them home to smoke hams. Sledding so bad, the weather so cold, having old wood on hand that nothing was done at drawing wood.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 11th Cold morning. The cold softened down toward noon. P.M. a strom began to rise slowly from N.E. It commenced moderately snowing in the evening. Father & Mother rode about together. The former had business in town in the evening. Drew 1 load of wood. Capt Waters came in sick, wished to tarry the night - granted - said he had been 5 hours coming from House's. Mr E.Doty arrived from Wilmington.

62 FRIDAY, JAN'Y 12th The night had been snowy - continued so all the morning - moderately all day, which laid on a coat about six inches thick - very thankfully received. A settlement was made with Capt Ellis Doty, whose charges for pasturing 35 sheep 20 weeks were $14.00 - on our part for grain, cider, vinegar &c $14.28 - Capt D. went down to his nephews - Asa Doty 2d. Father rode to town, taking with him Capt Waters who had in some measure recovered from his illness.

SATURDAY JAN'Y 13 On the 12th father entered his 55th year, mother her 51st on the 5th. Keen morning - Rode to school with Catharine & Diademia - Returning - called and warmed at L.Norton's shop. P.M. being pleasant & mild drew a load of wood, should have drawn another, had not the roller of the sled been disordered. Mr Doty returned from his nephew's - in the evening related some war anecdotes respecting himself - said he was at N.York when the British left the city - saw Gen Washington take leave of the Army. Mother & Ruth rode to the North. J.Murphy put in here this evening. Really a freezing night.

63 SUNDAY, JAN'Y 14th Pursued writing as customary. Wrote a letter to Horatio G.Spafford disapproving the arrangement made by Mr Murphy respecting the A. Magazine, viz to have them the No's left at David Merchant's, Albany, in lieu of which requested him to send them (the numbers) to Parker & Bliss's, Troy, as I was pleased to hear that he had forwarded them there, as Mr M. informed me, desired he would continue doing so to the end of the year. Further informed him that by the same person by whom this letter was conveyed I should enquire for the Magazine at P. & B's, if not found there he would hear from me again. He informed Mr M. that if they had not been sent on I should yet have them. Wrote a line to Parker & Bliss requesting the No's directed to me. These papers I carried to John Norton Junr in the evening, who went to Troy on the 16th but could get no magazines at P & B's. Spent most of the evening talking with Capt N. and his son avout the late Moses Atwood, the settlement of his estate &c. Mr Doty went home this morning. Fair, mild day - Appeared likely to operate a thaw. Light evening.

64 MONDAY, JAN'Y 15th Fine, fair, mild weather, but thawed none. Cold night. Mr Harwood our shoemaker came again. P. 54. Mr Walston on his way from Williston Vt to Branford, C't called & tarried the night on account of acquaintance with Sarah - In appearance & sense rather under par - Inoffensive, not over talkative. Wrote 2 letters by him, one to Rufus B.Stone & lady, one to Jonathan Rogers, N.Haven City. In the former expressed the hope that they had quitted the old house in which we found them in Sept. gave them to understand this as not meant to blame them for the bad state of the building, which they said they intended quitting befor Winter when we were there. Gave a favorable account of Mr P's affa affairs, that Mrs P. had a daughter on the 30th ult. In the latter told J. to be a good boy - gave a general account of his mates & transactions here in the time of thanksgiving - A few deaths & other information.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 16 Mr Walston before leaving us made a ~~pretest~~-- present to my lady of a small book entitled Dolphin's Travels - The S. wind blew this morning with a keenness rarely paralleled, but in a few hours it softened down amazingly. A snow storm followed succeeded by rain which swept the snow to a terrible rate, all principally gone by the next morning in the fields.

65 Drew 1 load of wood for ourselves, & 1 for Mr Batt.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 17 Furious storm of wind & rain from the S.which carried off the snow very precipitously - Few thaws are quicker in operation. The girls were carried to school, nothing else of importance done. Reckoned the amount of all kinds of produce disposed of here since the first of May 1815, which stznds at $475.93, including 155.5 lb of butter $29.20, 384.14 lb cheese $38.47 - $67.67 Read Bigland, Persian History View, a few pages.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 18th Wind had veered to the N. in the night, froze a little, which glazed the surface of the ground. The thaw had penetrated the top of the ground but slightly. So mild a day had not been seen since Nov'r. This induced me quite early this morning to visit E.Waters to get him to do a job of joiner work, several days in agitation, but having a sleigh on the works for Erastus Young, could not attend to it. Assisted Hiram Waters in transporting a few hams in Dr S's hand-cart to our smoke house. Principally employed at chopping at the door. The mice destroyed one of my memorandum papers. Pursued Persian Historical View.

66 FRIDAY, JAN'Y 19th Cut butternut A.M. P.M. father left me working at the wood at the door - went to town - Heard in Court part of the pleadings respecting the ~~pleadings~~- cauuse between gov. Robinson's Sons & John S.Robinson his grandson - the former trying to throw the latter out of his share of the estate - a smart, good looking youth between ten & eleven years old. Soft, southern breeze prevailed till P.M. with clouds in the morning. Fair P.M. snow squall at night.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 20 A load of wood drawn to the school house & fitted for the stove - Visited town - Attended Court heard some pleadings on the same case mentioned above, which had a re-hearing. Bought quire of writing paper of D.Clarke - Borrowed

Life of Eaton of E.Young, & Children of the Abby of Mrs Selden. Saw near Severance's shop friend Locke, talked a moment with him - Invited him to visit us. In the eve'g read Eaton - Mr Joseph Downs came in to see Ruth - Making property fast in the Black River country. Middling cold & fair.

67 SUNDAY, JAN'Y 21st P.M. writing . Am hour at eve visiting at Parsons' reading Eaton. Company here, Mr Brown, Mr Locke, Miss E.Waters, Miss C. Loomis, & Miss S. Loomis. Some of the folks went to meeting. Fine weather.

A letter received from J.Waterman per mail deserves notice. Acquiesced to the proposition submitted to him on the 7th or 8th De Dec'r 1815. Requested father to keep his share of the property until he should call for it. P. 42

MONDAY, JAN'Y 22d Fair spring-like day. At Mr Brown's this morning to borrow his 1 horse wag'n harness with which he readily obliged me. John Hinman & he were transacting some business respecting the settlement of Mrs Hinman's estate; Mr West appeared to be assisting. Mr Downs came to dressing flax, having taken it to dress for 1 third. Father & Mother rode out. Cousin Ruth & Sister Lydia visited at E.Waters' mother likewise - Sarah at Parsons' - Wrong - these visits were made next day - This day Lydia & Ruth rode to Wid'w Church's. A few loads of butternut were drawn. Mr Samuel Staunton with his brother Lachurick paid an evening visit here. Hiram Waters abruptly quitted his brother Elisha. Read Eaton this eve.

68 FRIDAY, JAN'Y 23d Fine, calm morning - succeeded by a steady ruffling breeze from the S. which continued all day; Cloudy and looked likely for rain. Early went to Mr B's to see if J. Hinman would soon go to Albany - Mr West said he should himself go there within a few days - wanted to know my request. Told him I wanted to send a letter to H.G.Spafford to demand numbers of his magazine due - Had paid him in advance, as may be seen p. 47 & rec'd only 3 numbers. He said I did wrong to pay in advance, for he did not think I should get anything more - Related instances of his knavery, deceit & prodigality, had lately been informed of his having had lately all his visible effects attached, himself in Albany Jail & his young wife & child sent to reside with her father. This relished ill, but told him, though I expected nothing, I would write him to plague him - Said He'd let me know when he went. Father rode away with Mother to the E. p't of the town - Talked awhile with the ladies - mended stable floor at the barn then went to boating off stone from the field men-
69 tioned p. 29, 32. Father came home in time to assist - found fault, but the job was finished. For girls visits &c see p. 67 Melancholy, spirits low. Accompanied by Eaton & flute in the eve'g.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 25th Mr John Harwood & son came early this morning and received pay in part for shoe-making; his bill was $10.00 As we were chopping butternut a man passed us whom we did not know - had resided in Sam Loomis's house several months - we had heard his name, but were not personally acquainted with him - Mr ..... Hall. P.M. father in town - At Capt Norton's this evening - Saw Elisha Smith late from Attica - Reported all well there, brought a letter from Theodisia to father - informing that in a neighbor's house which was destroyed by fire she lost about $30. worth of property. We wanted a fiddle this eve'g - played on the flute some - Conversation good. Warm, spring weather. S.wind had blown so long, expected rain, but in

the evening just after it began raining, the wind suddenly veered about N.W., espelled the clouds, & continued with much violence through the night - growing colder.

70 THURSDAY, JAN'Y 26 Drawing butternut from N.W. side the ploughfield near Brown & Moseley farm & a tree in the hither part of Clark's orchard - An accident befalling a sheep, she was butchered, & thinking her of no great value, father gave her to Downs after pulling the fleece, but she proved to be tolerably tallowed - bargained with Mr D. for the tallow - he taking hide & body Eaton & Bigland this evening. Tolerably cold from N.W.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 27 Received newspapers at Mr Parsons'. Carried a letter to Mr West which I had written to Spafford to apprize him of the contents of that written on the 16th pr J.N.Jun'r - p 63 - and that no numbers of the Magazine had been left at Parker & Bliss' Troy - wished him to send it there or by mail, both what was already due and those numbers which would become due - assured him of my belief that he was not unwilling to remunerate me. In Post Script requested him to forward the No's due by Mr West - If unable to do this, demanded a copy of his Gazetteer, any book or map to the value of what he owed me.

71 Mr Brown butchered for us a sheep whose quarters weighed 55 lb Another was sold to Mr Downs for $2.50" Steady cold breeze all day fr N.W. Cold increased constantly, became keen at night, Cloudy. Deferred going to Capt Norton's with musical instruments as engaged, 'till Saturday night.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 28 A very sharp morning - keen all day - cloudy. Cold moderated about sun-set - began snowing from N.E. - Drawing butternut & cherry - the latter a respectable black-cherry which stood on the Moseley line, directly N. of the barn, whixh might have made valuable stuff for cabimet work if unfortunately it had not been peeled when young by some ill designed person. Mr Brown supped here as a boarder. Papers principally this ev'g - Fiddled some dryly.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 28th Wrong dates the past week - Read for Sunday 21 "Sunday, Jan'y 20" - in like manner to Saturday. Perused Eaton in the morning. Father & Lydia rode to meeting, - had an adventure with the 1 horse waggon.

72 Froend Locke here this evening - talked in private with him. U.M.Robinson here likewise. Employed this day as usual. Tolerably cold - tried hard to snow - Nothing but a flurry.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 29th Load of wood drawn for Mr Batt. Then Isaac Godfrey took away the oxen to work for their subsistence till April 1. Spent the P.M. with friend Elisha Smith engaged in music. Father in town. A host of visitants came off Pownal mountain, towit - Jeremiah Eldred & lady, Green Potter & lady, late Eliza Duncan, Mrs D. & her eldest son William, who in 1815 married widow Ruth Brownell, daughter of Nathan Eldred Esqr of Pownal, having 5 children by her former husband, aged 30, he 20, removed to New Lisbon, N.Y., nearly a year since, now waiting for snow

Evening at Capt. Norton's with Smith playing the flute - Smith fiddled 'till I broke the treble. Spitted snow during a great p't of the day - wind S. - mild - At night wind high N.W., indications of very cold weather - Squally.

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73 TUESDAY, JAN'Y 30 Fair except flying clouds. Pretty cold. A.M. prepared for drawing wood with horses - P.M. 2d load, going up a sharp pitch, horses just as they had risen the sum mit gave back, all suddenly slid down, rendered it impossible to proceed without unloading to extricate ourselves - In drawing the sled from under the load one runner cracked off. Found timber for a new one, drove home no load - Such the luck of this day. Mr Downs at the flax. S.Brown Jun here to see his father. The reading of this evening chiefly in Eaton .

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 31 In the morning at Mr Parsons' talking with him & his lady about scolding women &c. Noon at the mill - then at the printing office - Mr Haswell very sick - Bought $5 tea at Pickett's, the last on hand, 15/o pr lb. Northern stage came in - E.YOUNG unwell - head bound up - looked pale. Brought down in waggon Mrs Dexter & Mrs Waters on a visit, gallant ed them home at night - Read papers some P.M. & evening. Marshal Ney shot - Sled repaired by father assisted by E.Waters who spoiled timber for a pair of runners, got out but one. Sharp S.w'd - Cloudy.

74 A letter was received pr mail from a widowed aunt at Gates, N.Y. at the mouth of Geneva announcing the death of Uncle Ebenezer day not specified, after an illness of 3 days. Family had been so afflicted with fever & ague for five months that they were unable to perform a day's work - Getting better when the letter was written - Had received my father's letter of Dec.7 - Willing to have the property divided as there proposed - Wished it might be transmitted in money if practicable, if not, to send her the things by some trusty person.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 1 Remainder of the cherry drawn up - what would answer, saved for sawing - Another load picked up - Great altercation here this evening about John Hinman joint Administrator with Dr Swift on the estate of the late widow Hinman, between Mr Brown, Mr Parsons & some of the family. Mr P. advocated his conduct - the others condemned it. Snowed from N.W. in the morning till 11 o'clock, but it was vanity, made no sleighing, mere feathers of the air. Cloudy, hazy, foggy on the mountains, middlin cold.

75 FRIDAY, FEB'Y 2 Delivered cag of C.Brandy at Pickett's - 10 lb butter at E.Youngs' - received 250 cents for it Western stage came in - No papers - Assembly had not appointed a Speaker - Eastern stage went out - Went to D's mill - Left 1 bushel wheat for Mrs Street. P.M. rode in a 1 horse waggon with Sarah to Mr Nelly's - Coverlet in the loom - a few inches wove, had had time to do it all, but McN. was having one of his scrapes, no business attended to by him while that lasted. She wanted to put it into her loom, but he understanding money would be paid, would have it in his. She being anxious to get the money without his knowledge to make a wiser disposal of it, wished me to pay it to her privately, which I did in a $2 bill taken of E. Young. The coverlet when done to be sent to the Post Office or McEowen's. Called at uncle Sam's to warm, as we returned - good fire - Washing - Mother & Lydia visited at Mr Jo Norton's. No sleighing. Cloudy,cold,Wind, W.

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76 SATURDAY,FEB'Y 3d Drawing wood. In a difficult situation we were compelled to unhitch the horses & turn the loaded sled by hand. Otherwise no trouble. This happened on the hill, W. of the Sugar Place, E. of the old Limekiln. Mr Downs finished off dressing flax for the present - Had dressed 97 lb 1 oz out of which he took his third. P. 67 - Monday, 21 -
Soft breexe from the S. - thawy - Muddy.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 7th Arose in good season. Dispatched writing so as to enable me to peruse Eaton in his Egyptian expedition. Mr Bliss & E.Waters stopped here on their way to Mr House for father to accompany them. Mr B. asked me what book I was engaged with - told him, the life of Gen Eaton. He looked at the portrait of the gen'l - said it did not resemble him - Related some anecdotes connected with his recruiting service in this town, 1792. Father returned in the P.M. from H's - said he was a little better - very deaf - had been extremely ill several days. Lydia & Ruth had an adventure with old Nance in the 1 horse wag'n - Scared by casks at Caldwell's turned over - came home. Mild wind S. Cloudy-tain expected - Cold night.

77 Dry N.W. wind. Snow squall late in the morning - cold. Two loads wood drawnin A.M. P.M. father went to town to be bail for him, Mr Brown, somehow concerning his receipting property belonging to the late Mrs Hinman's estate. Mentioning this reminds me of an incorrect statement p. 42 that she willed her estate immediately to her grandson S.H.B., but instead of which he is only to receive the annual interest, & if he die without issue, it goes to the heirs of her brother Benj'n Hinman. And, if I correctly understand the matter, it remains in S.H.B's heirs only the first generation, and then it passes to the family of B.Hinman. <u>If S.H.B die without heirs, the heirs of B.H. take it</u>. Let me proceed. P.M. cut down an elm standing near the place whence we drew butternut - p.70 - Axe mortal dull. Evening at Mr Parsons' with father reading news. Moncey's letter to Louis XVlll refusing to sit on the trial of Marshal Ney - a most spirited thing.
Read proceedings of the N.Y. Legislature.

78 TUESDAY,FEB'Y 6th Elm drawn home. Mr Downs dresses flax. Uncle Jonas arrives from the Northward. - all in usual health at Hopkinton. P. left his cutter in Pawlet. Sleighing as bad N. Pt this state as here, but in Hopkinton pretty good. Mr West arrived from Albany - delivered me a letter, which is copied below, three No's of the Magazine, making a complement to Dec. 1 Dec'r & Jan'y yet due; and his geogra of the U.S. on conditions as below.

Friend Harwood-

I find, by turning to my book, that the Magazines have all been sent, agreeable to directions, of which I have had great plenty. If they have miscarried, the fault is surely not mine - but I now send the August, September & November No's to make up the deficiency. Some others will be sent in a few days, by mail, in which I hope there will be no more miscarriages. Should the 3 No which I now send, be duplicated, I wish thee to return the excess, as I must print another edition.

I send thee a copy of my Geography for perusal. Thou may either return it to me or send me one dollar.

In haste, with respect, H.G.SPAFFORD

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Clear morning - Wind N.W. Soon began blowing harshly from S.

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79 Continued with keenness P.M. & evening.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 7 Wind had blown from the S. in the night but haul ed to the N.W. this morning - cold increased very fast all day. High flying, rough, squally, clouds. In company with my father chopped & threw down wood from the hill facing to the S.E. a few rods N.N.W. the young orchard, a swamp & spring at i its base - gen. Robinson's line passing over the summit. Read Magazine & Eaton in the evening.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 8 Weather as on the 7th., only vastly colder. High, strong, frequent & most cutting gusts from N.W. Air impregnzted with frost to a great degree. Clouds flying, much broken, emitting fine snow or rather frost. A more tedious day not experienced this season. However, the intervals be tween gusts, were comparatively mild.

Unwillingly drew wood. The horses pulled extremely hard to drag the sled, lightly loaded for good sledding, over the rough,dry hard frozen ground. Mr Downs dressed flax. Uncle J. came this morn ing from ~~uncle~~ cousin S. Harwood's where he had been confined by sickness during the night, from his account. The house of Samuel Thayer, early this P.M. was totally demolished by fire. Read Eaton & Spafford this eve'g - Very cold night followed - brook frozen over tight.

80 FRIDAY, FEB'Y 9th Continued, blowing, clouds & snow or frost fly- ing as on the 8th but not so cold. Load of wood drawn for Mr Batt - a little wood chopped P.M. Finished reading Ea- ton - think the peace with Tripli too precipitate. Eaton was brave, petulant & imprudent - honest, persevering & possessed of a high sense of military honor. Taken off by intemperance, or "slow poison as he called it, June 1 1811.

Friend Locke came here this P.M. staid till past 9 in the eve- ning - Tolerably lively - the girls ridiculed his velvet watchchain - watch, & sarcastically alluded to his late appointment as Lieuten- ant in the Pennsylvania Militia, at which he was a little ruffled, but soon becalmed by a turn of conversation on something else.

SATURDAY,FEBRUARY 10th A large leaning maple toward the S.W. pt of the wood lot, felled, the body cut up - computed at 10 loads in the whole. 5 P.M. in Tpwn. Got nothing at the print ing office. Solo Clark there as usual. Returned the book borrowed p. 66 - Thadeus of Warsaw not yet returned - our ladies might have it when Mrs A. Young had read it - it would take her but 2 days. Saw S.H.Blackmer at the P.O. heard him play the Clarionet - Invited him to come & see me - said he would. Saw Nathan Harwood in compleat good humour. Borrowed at (E) S.B.Young's Eucutin Bigraphy of males
81 & Corrs' Stranger in France. Brought a letter from the P.O. from Annis Stone, Scipio, N.Y. - Mailed at Albany - War postage, directed to this family, Mrs Duncan & family, chiefly on Religion - an awaken- ing having lately happened there. It was a good letter - but it was so diffyculy to decypher, that it lost much of its originality to the hearers. (Read) She does not acknowledge the receipt of my letter, noticed p. .consequently had not heard of the death of her brother. Uncle Jonas returned from White Creek (had conveyed a passenger there) this evening - Mr Wm Mellen had been dead 2 weeks - aged 89. J.Murphy & Capt Waters lodged here. High w'd.N.W.- dry-cold.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 11th Pleasant morning. P.M. strong Southern breeze. Clouded up thick. Began stroming late in the evening. West Mt roared. Much milder than it had been. Writing having been disposed of; read Carr in France. Uncle Jonas & the girls, R & L, attended evening worship in Algiers, as did J.Murphy who had spent the day here.

MONDAY,FEB'Y 12th Very driving wind & rain from the S. in the morning attended with chilliness. P.M. N.W.wd took it up and played briskly - gre cold - froze up firmly at night. Not much business in agitation, chopped at the door P.M. Dr J's in town
82 to get his waggon mended. Some of the estate of Widow Hinman, deceased, sold at vendue. Evening read Columbian respecting the canal - from that to Carr in France - Quite pleasing.

TUESDAY,FEB'Y 13th A pretty keen morning. About 11 A.M.commenced blowing strong from N.W.,flying cl'ds,very cold. Col Benjamin Fassett died suddenly on the morning of the 12th of a complication of disorders in the 60th year of his age. My father, Uncle Jonas, Ruth, Lydia & myself attended the funeral. Called at E.Waters',and before the arrival of the funeral procession,called an hourat Judge Fay's. Saw J.F. & his family in health. Aunt Hannah appeared to wish the fiddle at home - Ormsby brought out his flute which I made use of - Walked down to the meeting house - service not commenced, neither had they finished digging the grave - ground frozen to an unusual depth. Visited the Hill - bought sweet oil at Swift & Hyde's, which occasioned an enquiry into the nature of the olive, manner of extracting the oil and where produced. The answer to which Hyde read in a thick volume. The fruit is put in a press - the best oil flows first - the book specifies how it may be know. Produced in France, Italy, Turkey & Barbary.
83 Nothing in the Post Office - Returned to the meeting house - Mr Marsh's text is recorded 14th C. V.Job. The mourners appeared exceedingly moved, particularly while the Choir sang the Farewel Anthem, nor could I resist the ierresistable force of Sympathetic nature, which caused an involuntsry tear to steal down my cheek. I know much better, what my feelings are, on such occasions, than how to express them. - as here I make it manifest.
Mr Daniel Clark, lady & son, Ayres, put in here, the former cousin-german to my father on his mother's side, returning to Coleraine from visiting a son-in-law at Truxton, N.Y. Bad sleighing complained of. Mr C. odd in his deportment - very lively & jocose all the evening. House very full this very cold night.

WEDNESDAY,FEB'Y 14 A most severe cold - considered the coldest, gales excepted, experienced the present season - hazy - sun appeared yellow - Streams dreadfully choked with ice & low. The succeeding night many degrees colder than the day Mr Clark pursued his journey - Uncle Jonas assisted them in his waggon to Week's - Paid his respects to old maids and Mr House, who was more unwell.
84 Conveyed barrel of cider to E.Water. Left horses & waggon under the public shed N.McEowen's. went up the Hill - Looked in Fasset & Cushman's for friend B. Dixon - Bought lb tea at Pickett's - Saw a man of color pass into F's bar-room equipt with a violin. Asked P. who he was - Said Mr Jacklin the celebrated performer. Felt anxious to hear him. Followed Col M. & him to Col Merrill's where the C. had invited him. The room extremely cold. J.T.Robinson, S.T.Young, Maj'r Burr and Mr Gabey present.

Having warmed & taken a yankee dram - rolled out some most exquisite pieces, which commanded the unqualified applause of the whole company. Feasted my ears in this most delicious way an hour and a half, I should suppose - Made for home - Called at B.Squire's to bring away S.Waters' little wheel for Sarah's use. B.S.sick - had the cholic - his Mother & Dr H.Swift were present. Isaac Downs rode home with me. Drew a small load of wood for Mr Batt. Sam Rob inson here on a visit. Mr Brown staid late. A cider character called, with the view of tarrying all night, but they bothered him out of it. Found an Assylum at Mr Rich's.

85 THURSDAY,FEB'Y 15 The sharpness of this morning corresponded with the preceding night. Not much difference between the air of this & the succeeding day. Lieut Safford & Capt Norton appraised the household furniture,left by my grandfather at his decease. There were originally eight shares, but Uncle Jonas & uncle Ira, while living, having received theirs, and my father not drawing for his - there now remained but five. I was appointed Scribe. An inventory amounting to $203.12 was made out. It employ ed them all the P.M. Uncle Jonas & Mr Parsons rode abroad together - attended the funeral of Mr Jedediah Dewey - eldest brother of Capt E. Dewey - never was married - aged about 74. Even'g read Carr - and Steuben in Spafford's Magazine.

FRIDAY,FEB'Y 16th Another airy morning. Cold moderated down many degrees. Ten A.M. Mr Dixon, that musical genius, presented himself. Soon found him employ, much to our <u>own</u> & his <u>liking</u>. In the use of the bow he had considerably improved since visiting me Feb'y 24th 1815. In the evening Mr Parsons, friend Locke, U.M. Robinson
86 and our ladies here had a little dance. Uncle H. & cousin R. went to the North, Mr Elisha Smedley & lady from Hinesburgh called a mom't at noon. Lieut Safford & Capt Norton came 2 P.M. & after close attention finished the division of the property inventoried on the 15th. They were quite charmed with Mr D's music - tarried awhile in the evening to enjoy it. Locke lodged here.

SATURDAY,FEB'Y 17 Stormy - Snow from S.W. Friend Dixon having waited while Impenned letters to Asa Harwood, to the widow of Ebenezer Harwood and to Ethan A.Fay, Portland, N.Y. - and played some sweet airs, departed to Mr J.Lawrence's - intending on Monday to start for the Western country. Thanked him for his visit, wished him to write, said he would - I agreed to reply.

Mr Loan Dewey came here while Dixon was playing - had one tune from him after great entreaty. Those letters to A. & E. Harwood were intended to appraise them of what had been done in regard to thenfurniture. The former was told that no reserve was made in the Will favoring him more than the other heirs. P. 60
87 E.A.Fay was requested, after being established, to write us about his employ, productions of the country, its appearance, and progress of settlement. Informed whom among the aged were dead, the situation of the neighborhood here, my being married, death of Fay Robinson - p.55 - Stephen Robinson's having been Rep. to the Assembly. Capt Moses amassing wealth in his skinning way. J.Norton Jun & E.Smith came in before Dixon went away - They heard him play- Parsons & West helped form the party here. - Smith tarried the night - Talked over old School affairs, under H.A.Fay. Commenced writing to widow Theodosia of Attica.

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SUNDAY,FEB'Y 18th Very rainy morning - continued wet all day - Mild - Wind S. - 11 A.M. walked to Parsons' with Sarah. Felt dull & heavy. Mr West & Uncle Jonas there. Had Eccentric Biography in my hand. Left Sarah, went home alone. Too unwell to write 'till evening. Elisha W., Mr Brown, T.C.Parsons & U.M.Robinson here this eve'g.

MONDAY,FEB'Y 19th Rained consider bly till 11 A.M. Snowed 2 hours. Two P.M. high winds, N.W. flying clouds The water falling at this time, ran immediately off - ground being hard frozen. Cold at night froze up. Mrs Grace Harmon was buried, aged 60

88 U.M.Robinson suspended his school this day. Brought one of Goldsmith's plays from Algiers. Wm Haswell came to see him privately at night. Mrs Wilcox paid her respects to our ladies this P.M.

TUESDAY,FEB'Y 20th A little thawy, calm & cloudy. Difficult to get wood. After considerable trouble and preparation, came down "the gulf" where there were high humps of ice to pitch over, with my first load. The next undertook to draw it out another way - The horses halted in a bad situation, starting again, tackling broke - Made that fast - Started again - went down a little sharp hill - load pushed forward - adjusted it - moved down the next pitch - the hind end of the sled slid round, upset. With no small trouble reloaded again and going down the next hill, my traces on one side being double, on account of breaking or drawing out of the collar, a sharp stone beside the path nosed between them, caused the collar to break in pieces so as to render it impossible to proceed farther - Left all & went home. Isaac Godfrey came up to see about the oxen which he took from here (p.72) A load of wood was drawn for Batt on the sleigh - Read papers - played the fiddle. U.M.Robinson read "She stoops to conquer".

89 WEDNESDAY,FEB'Y 21 Hoarse S.E. wind - brought on heavy hail in the evening. held on severe till 12 O'clock. Worked in the woods, splitting & chopping on the body of the leaning maple. p.80 - Dr Jonas took home the load mentioned above - went to the N. pt of Ben'gn brought Ruth home. Capt D.Robinson forbade me getting any more green wood on his father's great flat wood lot. U.M.Robinson attended in company with Miss C.Norton, Wm Haswell's wedding - Married to Miss Sarah Robinson daughter of the late Col Sam Robinson, of this town. Read Carr.

THURSDAY,FEB'Y 22d Mild - thawy & cloudy - Chopped at the pile. Father & Mother rode to Judge Olin's, Shaftsbury - Sarah went to Parsons' to spend the day - carried her foot wheel for her - Taked with young Andrew - he would not sit - nor have anything to do with me. Mr Brown and myself watched with Mr J House who they thought was better, but still very low. Mr B. in the evening quite sociable with Lydia - I was too dull to join them L. was so good to her father as to excite the most lively sentiment, in her favor. Mr B. did most of the courting. Read Carr through.

90 Uncle Sam and Aunt Sarah came up this P.M.

FRIDAY,FEB'Y 23d A.M. dull & unwell. P.M. worked some. Father & Mother rode to Mr Hunt's. Rec'd a very pretty letter from Mrs Tryphena Smedley, Litchfield, S.F. dated on the 14th - She assured Sarah she had not forgotten her - would be happy to form visiting parties here. Hoped to be pardoned for not writing sooner, - was now in health, but the Saturday after we came

from there in Oct. she was taken ill and brought the nearest to Eternity that she was ever before. Her Mother was there & in health Warm & cloudy.

SATURDAY,FEB'Y 24 Good sledding on the hard crust this morning - pretty good all day - S. wind softened the snow a little - A small storm of snow arose in the P.M. - made us quit drawing wood. Went to see E.Smith in the evening. Enquired of L. Norton in his shop, where I might find him - said his brother J. and he were gone to watch with Mr House - Joseph Junr had arrived from Boston, thought they would watch with old Jo & young Jo. I wanted to see S. about carrying Catherine to Attica, but gzve it up till morning, staying awhile to talk on affairs of this life,
91 with friend Locke - Returned - wrote part of a letter to Gid Smedley Litchdield. Cards & confusion prevailed in the kitchen - Did not like it at all - Considered myself not at liberty to say what I wanted to, till the company retired - I then freed my mind to Sarah desiring her to secreet her cards where they would not be found very soon. U.M.Robinson, J.Murphy & Sophia Waters, with L.Norton's youngest lodged here.

SUNDAY,FEB'Y 25th Saw E.Smith & J.Norton Jun early this morning - Said Wm H. rested well, was getting better. Solicited Mr S. to carry Catherine, but he could not, having engaged a load of stoneware, and his brother William going with him. Finished my letter to Gid. Smedley in which the utility & pleasure of letter-writing was urged. Thanked them for that rec'd on the 23d - Congratulated Tryphena on her recovery - Sent compliments, with some of Sarah's beggary, to Mrs Stone, and all their family collectively & individually. Informed them that our letter had been broken open before we saw it. The letter to Theodosia of Attica was finished, which goes to prove the propriety of her staying there - the inability of my
92 of father to pay for the farm or advance any pecuniary aid at this time. The opinion of Mr Hunt & lady was brought in to give strength to our argument. But if she would content herself, she was advised to return. She was informed in what manner the furniture had been disposed of - see p. 85. A third letter to Miss A.Stone was written by Mr Smith which acknowledges that rec'd p. 81. The death of her brother Jedediah who died on the Sept at Williamstown, M's, after a short illness, was mentioned, as well as several others of late date in this place - Mentioned a letter I wrote in October which they had never had, but might, I thought, find it at some near Post Office. Read but little, felt unwell. Rainy toward night.

MONDAY,FEB'Y 26th Carried the letter to G.Smedley to Wilcox's. Mr W. intended going to Connecticut next day. Sent our Western letters to Mr Smith - Drew 6 loads wood. Best sledding we had this season - nothing more than a decent coat of hail neither. Wrote a letter to Luther Smith, remarking the make of this world as it respects our living in it - Youth being the time to enjoy the sweetest pleasures. In some parts it alludes to a saying we understand between us. See Sept. 1814. Frozen morning - Mild, cloudy, wind N.

93 TUESDAY,FEB'Y 27th Clear morning - cloudy P.M. - thick - looked for a storm - chilly. Dred 6 loads wood in good season. Mr Capron drew Parsons' wood for uncle Jonas, part of the day

towards paying for making cider here in the Fall, 1815. The girls, (Lydia & Ruth) visited at Capt Norton's. U.M.Robinson waited upon them home. Neighbor Parsons shewed himself here this evening in poor humor - disputed about Mrs H. & Mr B. asserting that the former had five, sometimes he said 10 friends in this town to the latter's one. We disagreed with him. He talked of another personage very near to me by the ties of blood, which gave me an opportunity to give him my opinion, in an indirect way of what I suspected he had often made use of, slanderously, heretofore, concerning the same.

WEDNESDAY,FEB'Y 28 Dressed to go to Elijah Robinson's funeral. Poor man finished a life of dreadful intemperance at his brother Moses's in the P.M. of the 26th - Walked with my father to E.Waters' - they told us the funeral was app'd at 2 P.M. instead of 10 A.M. - Mr Marsh being absent & Mr Matteson of Shaftsbury being expected to preach. Went with friend Locke to the Post O. the print ing O. (where D.Clark handed me a line to his names-sake Tho's Clark which I safely delivered to him from Pownal) and Judge Fay's - Staid here a good while playing the flute and conversing with Reliefs Wit. When we quitted

94 Locke laid his course for Algiers. I attended the funeral, hearing a good sermon, well delivered by Mr Matteson, chiefly exhorting his hearers to be prepared for death, from Mark . Mr R. was about 40. At the Post Office took out a letter from uncle Clark,post paid dated Castleton, Feb. 12th., post-marked 24th. Conceived in the most bitter terms. Formally forbidding his, my father's, conveying to any person whatever, his part of thenfurniture. Making some grand premises to the body of his letter, in which he embosoms the most groundless and Provoking assersions - Shouldering, as much as possible, the cause of his behaviour and misfortunes on to my late grandfather and father. Would endeavor to make it appear that the former agreed to give him forty pounds, over and above his fifty pound portion; of which he argued that allowing the expences of his family here in 1797-98-99, and cows to his daughters Ruth & Margaret there were 22 pounds yet due. Respecting the furniture he was the most insulting language - refusing to receive it or have any further information about the settlement of the estate. It is a pretty long letter, and what is here said, gives but a faint idea of its rancor. I opened it, as I walked the street, but did not read much of it till seated in the gallery. Stood up in the back part of the pew in prayer time reading - hesitated about

95 shewing it to anybody,but after I came home in the ev'g opened and read it to father. He was not disturbed in the least with it. No written or verbal agreement that ever he knew of, authorized him to call for the forty pounds - All that would fall to him was his share of furniture - Perhaps it is mentioned somewhere in this book that cousin Ruth wrote her father to solicit his share in favor of his son Clark A. of Butternuts, N.Y. but which he refused. p. 42

A brisk young company from the North attended here this evening Kept up the lodge till 12 - Played all the new and many of the old plays - some of which were of the most laborious kind. The company consisted of the following persons from the North - Hiram Harwood, Ira Hawkes, Apollos Harvey, Hiram Harwood, 2d and U.M.Robinson from the S. The ladies were Ruanah & Lovina Harwood, Fanny Church and Lovisy Harwood from the East. As these people drove up - I was bring ing my wife's feather bed from Parsons' - wanted to go back - but could not with a good grace. Sarah was with me & laughed heartily to see the pickle in which I stood - however the bed was dextrously disposed of - all was hush when we made our appearance in company. Clear, S.wind & Muddy.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 29 Cloudy morning - Rainy P.M. mild S. wind. Ground new axe with uncle Jonas. Mr Batt informed us how he was introduced to his present wife. Left uncle J. & West playing chess - came home, read Spafford. Locke staid with us to night - told me his girl caper the night before.

96 FRIDAY, MARCH 1st Pleasant, warm & muddy. Mr Locke took his leave for Pennsylvania. Ground axes with uncle Jonas. We talked strong with Mr Brown about his marrying or having him try to marry Widow Cooper, Pownal - An elderly gentleman from Athens, Windham County, came here about 10 A.M. stating that a year or two since, travelling from this to the other side of the mountain, he fell in company with our deceased relative, Ira, as he was driving a few cattle to pasture in Wilmington (3d Vol.p.140) (149) That he assisted him & formed a high opinion of him, which occasioned him to call - lamented his death exceedingly, told how many children he had, that a daughter lived in Mapleton - knoew most of the old inhabitants in this town - lost an estate in the Revolutionary War - professed strong Republican principles - sang a song lately published - Satirizing Gov. Strong - said a great deal more than I shall transcribe. His appearance bespoke age and indigence. He solicited and received a dram, likewise victuals, after which he in a little time departed saying he had received a "Peace Offering", "A drink offering, a meat offering - and a kick-off - ering". His name not obtained.

97 SATURDAY, MARCH 2th Mild, cloudy & thawy - Rain expected. Worked at putting up fences A.M. Cording wood, P.M. Accounts with Sam Brown settled this evening - paid for making 21 bbls of cider 1814 at 0/6 pr b - 5-1/2 bbls wheat $11 Five wks board $1.50 - $20.52 in full - credited him cash borrowed $16.50 - paid the balance this evening. U.M.Robinson finished his school having continued it, with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of his employers in general, 15 weeks.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3d Cloudy, warm and muddy. Vexed with bad pens, but got a going smoothly after a while - wrote quite a quantity - Spent some time with Spafford on Nat.Philosophy. U.M.Robinson made up his S.bill which he said amounted to more than 36 D's. Wrote a plain, friendly letter for father to uncle Clark informing him in what manner the business mentioned, Feb 15th & 16th was transacted - Stated what had been written to the other heirs respecting the settlement of the estzte, whose approbation was either tacitly or explicitly granted as to the mode of doing it - and it was presumed his was met, by his not intimating the contrary to uncle Jonas when at his house in Jan'y - Not a word to his saucy letter - p. 94.

98 Lydia employed some part of the evening ~~writing~~ reading the Journal for Jan'y, Feb'y, March, April, May &c. 1814 to our young folks. Uncle Jonas watched with Mr House.

MONDAY, MARCH 4th A bellowing S.E. and searching S. wind brought on rain near evening attended with thunder. No great quantity of rain. Near sun-set wind veered to N.W. consequently a snow flurry ensued. Chopped at the pile. J.Murphy tarried the night. Jefferson & Austin's correspondence in the Friday's Argus.

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THIS SHOULD BE CAPT HEZEKIAH ARMSTRONG WHO DIED 3/4/1816 H.A.W.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5th Froze in the night - cold morning - day tolerablt fair. School rate paid to U.M.Robinson for Damia and Catherine's tuition~~s~~, deducting $1. for wood, amounted to $1.38 J.Murphy left here at 2 P.M. - Dr J's in town, heard of the sudden death & burial of Capt ~~Zephaniah~~ Armstrong, long a respected and worthy inhabitant of the W. part of this town, in the ..... year of his age. Mr Witherell Wittum, Pownal, came with baskets to sell - took dinner, and after dinner, accidentally speaking of a fiddle, the one I kept (was)

99 was presented to him, not thinking he could perform at all. But he convinced shortly, that in former days he had been a passable scraper, although age and want of practice rendered it difficult to him now. Mentioned being at the siege of St Johns, L.C. 1775.

His playing some old tunes, particularly "H.p M. tip-toe" was pleasing in a high degree. Mr Bangs and lady from Wilmington drove up in a 1 horse waggon, having a few small sized willow baskets for sale, and 2 birch braid hats besides - tarried all night. Very religious - Elderly - Mr B. buried his Mother in Feb'y, aged 105. Mr Reuel Harvey brought a letter from Mrs Lovina Denio, Rupert, to cousin Ruth respecting a bureau which she bought of the latter. No money, but promises and as R. states the affair - some prevarications - Budy in the evening with Eccentric Bography.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th Frozen again, but not strong enough to support a horse - cloudy - light vanity snow, wind N. Mr B. departed this morning - the ladies bought some of his baskets which I thought poor economy - by expressing it, gained their dislike. Father and Mother made an unsuccessful attempt to go to Shaftsbury in a 1 horse waggon, at Wilcox's hove about, fetched into port again, after which, father went himself on horseback, to the C. Factory & Judge Olin's.

100 He left orders by uncle J's to have me draw rails to from a certain fence, N. side of "The Sugar Orchard" to fill a vacancy occasioned by taking a part of the fence which runs between a field and the young orchard, to enclose a stack of hay in the former. That part of the order relating to the place whence I should procure the rails was omitted by uncle J. who thought I knew the plan, or had sagacity enough to understand it, without being told. But I went on, honest as a deacon, demolished the stack-fence, to mend the breach, not considering how the hay was to be secured while foddering from it, or how much saving there was to be made by doing according to my father's scheme. I have not time to go into all the little reasoning which might be usefully adduced in this case, to show the extreme want of economy I betrayed in executing the above trust.

The travelling being bad, and, my father, not arriving as soon as expected, some anxiety began to be felt for his safety - but this shortly ceased, as he made his entry about 7 in the evening - Read the report of the Committee if Commerce & Manufactures, Feb. 13 A most able and interesting paper - Uncle Jonas most of the day in town - Said Mr Cotton had arrived Tanbrook - See March 12th to 19th 1815 . V. 3.

101 THURSDAY, MARCH 7th Chill S. wind - Light flurry of snow . Corded wood. Evening read Spafford on Electricity & Taylor's speech on the Treaty-making power. Uncle Jonas waited upon Mrs Waters and Miss Lovicey Bliss to Mr Geo Godfrey's, Alg'rs.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8th High, freezing, N.W. wind, flying light, hazy clouds, very cold, - the ground white, but the

snow thin as paper - Roads frozen up edgewise. Brought down the last of what wood we calculated to get this season, making an aggre gate of about 50 loads. Father while chopping thought of getting the 4th load but on my representing to him the bad sledding, he gave it up - and going down with me, witnessing the imminent danger of over-setting in several places, the balling of the horse's feet or hoofs which made them slide to & fro, as anyone who has experience in driving them, knows, the effect, better than it can be described - he said he was contented, perfectly contented - he would draw no more wood, this season, nor should the horses, unless bette sledding. One of these beasts (Jenny) was near 20, the other (Nancy) near 18 years old. Mr Parsons made us a visit this P.M. - see p. 20 - Uncle Jonas settled with Mr C. Capron - an account of about $10., most of which he had paid, what remained due was (to) received by uncle J. whom he owed.

102 SATURDAY,NARCH 9th Never known to be much colder at this season. The night had been as cold as any night the past winter - the morning almost equally so - and the day proved very keen although mitigated by a high sun - Sky hazy. To amuse and spin out the time so as to avoid the cold read a few lines in Eccentric Biography to my father & Mr P. - Past 10 went to assisting about cording wood - continued it till about 3 P.M. U.M.Robinson came from Algiers this morning, breakfasted, went to Sibley's, to get some boots or shoes - not done - promised, "Next Week" - came back - spent most of the P.M. here, employing himself in talking, sleeping, of learning to fiddle. Walked to the P.Office with him, and designed, with borrowed books, to carry home Judge Fay's violin, but forgot to take it with me - Meeting the Judge,excused the matter to him satisfactorily. Spent a little time at the Post Office, Haswell (Wm) passed a few pleasant jokes with his new relative, U.M.R. - even claimed me as cousin, by his late connexion - Ira Haynes was there - Uncle Jonas had taken out a letter from Pittsfield, P.O., the contents of which were addressed to Theodosia of Attica and her sister Fanny. My father was requested to forward it to them. Visited the Farmer office. D.Clark told me he had just escaped ~~the~~ a great calamity - having been bail for Dix, the bookseller, who

103 had nearly effected his exit from this part of the country which would have left Mr C.in the limbows compleat. Mr Dix was now secured in close prison at Manchester. Friend Solomon C. talked of coming to see me if we were not too religious at our house on the morrow. Assured him of the contrary, strongly invited him to come - Saw cousin Henry H. there, spoke with him. M.B.Cusac appeared to be a journeyman in the office - Found out that Capt Smead had been there at work by seeing his tobacco pipe lying above one of the cases, where lay also the gov'rs Proclamation in manuscript. Having sauntered an hor or more without obtaining much intelligence - went to S.B.Young's - Returned "Stranger in France" - borrowed "Life of Kotzabue" - Saw F.B.Waite's State Papers and the "Olive Branch" which Mr Y. said every man in the Union ought to possess. From Dr Swifts to the Hill N. Parsons' walked with Dr Hinman, who talked on subjects of various kinds, but more particularly respecting Bicket's Life & Death, which I returned this day, and which he esteemed almost original & very curious - Allowed the French more penetration than the English, whose arrogance & egotism he much disliked; several authors were mentioned by both of us to confirm the position - said the English held the rest of the world in the same light that City people do those of the country. Read to Lydia 61 ~~pieces~~ pages of Kotzabue. Admired him highly.

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104 SUNDAY,MARCH 10th Cold morning - fair day - Light wind,N.W. Wrote about 8 pages, and in the evening read Kotzebue, where he describes very pathetically the death of his beloved wife, Nov'r 1790 (1790) which occasioned his "Flight to Paris". In fact no one, possessed of the least sensibility can read his book without taking a lively interest in his affliction. That letter mentioned p. 97, was conveyed by Nathaniel Parsons, cousin of T.C.P. Mr Wilcox arrived from Connecticut. Left the letter to G.Smedley at a P.O. within 5 miles of him.

MONDAY, MARCH 11th Fine weather - growing warm - Chopped at the pile - Uncle Jonas waited upon Ruth & Lydia to Mr S.Robinson's. Mr J.Day Sen'r came to borrow the hay-knife which he said he would return - "Bravely" - Praised our cattle and when he brought back the knife drank some cider. In asking for it said he wanted "a brave draught of cider". Rather an insipid evening, reading newspapers. Mr Lemuel Rich a resident in this neighborhood,sinc the spring of 1811, tenant to Mrs Hinman, poor, slovenly, intemperate odd character, having a wife possessing one less honorable, and a son and daugh'r, named Sally & Nelson; pensioner to the U.States, removed on the 7th inst to Pownal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Mr R. was a very shrewd jester many times, which for awhile rendered him agreeable.

105 TUESDAY,MARCH 12th About three inches unexpected snow was on the ground this morning, but ere it was night, roads much used were as bare as on the preceding day - Fields and meadows remained partially covered the whole day - Mildish - Cloudy P.M. Mr Bliss bought & received 1 barrel cider, per Jacob Brook's order - Conveyed on a wood sleigh 2 bass-wood logs to Olin & Colvin's saw-mill - 2d load carried Sarah to Parsons'. A word more about the logs Going in with the first, overtook E.Fay Jun on the same business - wood sled, yoke of young oxen & 1 horse. He piotted me along the old main road back of the mill where my horses with difficulty dragged the sleigh over over hardpheads - The 2d strip I actually was stuck fast among them, had to pry up one runner to get off, and then had a fretting job to bring up my cargo within proper distance of its ultimate destination. Having disposed of it, went to the house in which Mr George Godfrey formerly lived to see Mr Olin - Enquired whether he lived there? Was answered in the negative and directed to their next neighbor a few rods east. Here S. asked if Mr O. were at home - they said he was in his shop. In both houses there was the appearance of prosperity. Left directions with Mr O. to have 2 2 waggon bottoms sawed inch 1/4 - the remainder for cabinet work for E.Waters - Marked the logs - cherry included.

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108 On my way home called at Dr Swift's to enquire about the cider tunnel,which had gone abroad some where, but it was not there - Stopped at Mr Caldwell's - there found it. Next stopped at Mr Parsons' - Sarah refused riding home with me. My father went to town to receive a payment of Major Bowers' - who through mistake gave him the U.S. Collectors' receipt instead of a Town Order. This evening rsad Kotzebue on his tour from the German frontier to Paris - and some remarks on that capital - Very pleasing.

WEDNESDAY,MARCH 13 Fair A.M. Clouded over before night - very muddy. Sarah went away about 9 or 10 this morn

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ing to ride with Mr P. & lady. I put her in possession of things mentioned V. 3d p. which to gratify my curiosity I stopped to examine for several moments. Father and Mother rode out in the cutter At night he brought her from L. Dewey's in the 1 horse waggon. Mr Day borrowed the hay-knife again and dined with me on cold cut brave ly - Worked principally on the wood pile. In the evening, supper being ended, took down the fiddle - Scraped awhile, but felt discontented - Enrobed myself in my old loose coat, marched for Parsons' - Met Sarah a little way W. the bark house, very much disconcerted - Wished to know the cause. She complained

109 Mr P's driving with such unreasonable expedition and heedlessness through the mud, being often exposed to the danger of up-setting, which actually happened in turning round the elm at the S. end of his bridge -his wife, youngest child, herself and little Annis were all thrown out together. The former received a black eye.

Over-setting at that bridge was nothing more than what might be expected from a spirited horse passing through so contracted a laby rinth. She acquainted me with another circumstance with which I wa not altoger pleased.

Perused Kotzebue till sleep overpowered me & retired. Isaiah J.Hendryx' s son Lyman about 8 years old was shockingly kicked by a horse - Young Dr Dow trepaned him - John Duncan's Sam'l sliding down the side of a hay-stack received a pitch-fork in his side which he had carelessly dropped down, tines upward. E.Waters' famil ly sick with bad colds. Ruth wrote a letter to her brother in Butternuts. Uncle Jonas drew wood for Mr Parsons. J.Murphy staid here P.M. & night.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 Rsined in the night. Wind turned N.W. became cold. Labored at the wood pile. S.Pratt Junr caught two raccoons on Mt Anthony. Uncle J. and I ground my axe at Mr Parsons'. Drank some cider which was very pleasant. Played on the flute. Mrs Capron said her daughter Sally who was living at Mr Punchard's - Shoemaker - in the Street - was ill - Should send for her immediately. Uncle J. rode to Algiers - E.Waters' people some better. Evening Dr J. read newspapers - Ruth & Lydia watched at Mr House's Waters'.

110 FRIDAY, MARCH 15th Frozen and cold - Wind N.W. - Bad working in the morning, it was so cold. P.M. took rails N. side sugsr orchard and fenced that stack alluded to p. 116 Uncle J. went to mill - J.Murphy rode away with him - having paid us a visit of 2 nights and I day. Uncle Sam'l and aunt Sarah staid here all night, which indeed was extremely cold. Sat with S. reading Kotzabue in the kitchen. My father bargained with Elisha Waters this evening for a bureau.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 How keenly did the S.wind blow this morning,but in a little time the air was milder - at night snowed a little . Uncle Sam started hence for Troy. Aunt Sarah was aided home by her son Sam. Took her bed and some other things which fell to her as her portion of furniture. U.M.R. paid us a short visit about noon - on his route to Algiers. Not much impression wrought on the woodpile. The new bureau was brought home, completely trimmed. Price Uncle Jonas attended the Grand Committee at which it was resolved to call a general meeting of the republicans next Wed'y 4 P.M. A bold jar happened in this family or between it and cousin R in the evening. In my letter to her father per uncle Jonas P. 58, nothing was concealed from her except an article relating to a wheel head which he sent as a present to my

youngest sister in 1814, as it would appear to torment his daughter R. - Mother would not see it pass so - and gave it cousin R. Now when this letter
111 was sent, the pay for that and another wheel head presented to Lydia accompanied it. My father disliked paying for the former, and ordered me to inform him who had it. I endeavored to write it with out her suspicion, but it was impossible. She felt very uneasy about it, up to this date, when an explanation was demanded, which I frankly conceded. To the insertion of this paragraph, which was the only one concerning her, that I ever contrived to conceal from her, she attributed the miscarriage of her petition to him for granting to her brother, his share of the furniture set to him. She thought the wheel-head aroused all his vengeance against her; (as, for several years he had treated her with coldness & disrespect) which but for the mention of it in my letter, would have lain dormant. But, in his letter to my father - p.94 -not a syllable is inserted touching the wheel-head - we, were, therefore all of a different opinion. We supposed, from what we had seen before, of his disposition, that that made no difference with him ; his decision would have been the same if no such thing had been written.

This altercation opened a wide field for mutual retort and explanation, which was amply explored - and here it is dropped.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 High, blustering, N.W. wind. Cold indeed. Wrote as usual - and in the evening read the Columbian - several No's for Feb'y & 1st of March. Sophia W. and Lydia Norton staid all night. Mr B. here this evening.

112 MONDAY, MARCH 18th I have to record another most extraordinary cold night and morning, scarcely exceeded the present season. Fair. Grew warmer as night approached. Carried to L. Norton's this morning, Sophia W's foot-wheel, - Sarah sent her a thousand million thanks for the use of it. Visited the shop. Friend L. and his father were taking down some frozen green ware, spoiled by the frost. The boys had been in the shop Sabbath day and left the door un-latched. Nothing of the kind had occurred since the completion of the cell 4 winters past. Young Champney present. He and his brother had lately engaged a 150 dollar job pf Curtis in Pownal at drawing wood to 16 coal-pits of 50 cords each - Considered by Capt N. & sons as a very fortunate lucrative one. Uncle Jonas drove up a bbl of cider to E.Waters' - Likewise P.M. visited Algiers. I assisted Sam Batt in getting a waggon load stumps on gen. Robinson's wood-land flat. Drew two loads four ft split basswood for Mr Downs from our young grove to which he and his son Isaac, who assisted me, drew it on a hand sled from the late Widow Hinman's Street lot. Mr Parsons here this A.M. ill of a bad cold. Evening attempted reading Spafford, but was too sleepy We talked in the kitchen what we would severally do with prize money were we to draw large sums. Mr Champney said Curtis boarded
113 or agreed to board him & his brother, to provide 2 yoke of oxen & 2 sleds.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 A storm of snow commenced sometime in the night and continued till 11 A.M. Was thought to be about 9 inches in depth - chiefly from the east - the wind from that quarter during the afternoon drifted it. Diademia, who went t to uncle S. Robinson's on Saturday, was brought hence by her father Copied the Inventory, p. 85, Wrote Journal - Read Spafford - Eve'g Dr Jonas visited S. part of the neighborhood for political information. One year since I was married.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th Hailed early in the morning - then rained, but the P.M. was more fair. Hail and rain form ee a curious ice on the surface of the snow - Foggy on tthe mountains. High, N.W. wd in the eve'g. About 2/3d day worked at the wood-pile. Uncle Jonas drew wood for E.Waters from Black Bill's - team work charged to Waters. Did not attend the R. caucus at 4 PM Evening read Spafford and played the violin. Mr Isaiah J. Hendryxs little son was buried this day in his eighth year. Mr H. had but 1 child, a boy, left, a younger boy left.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 Frozen hard this morning. N.W. wind, flying clouds. 2 and 3 P.M. calms and whirl-winds - Cloudy at night - storm foreboded.

Wrote to J. Murphy at Boston to keep a Journal while on his route to the Island of St Johns, to visit his sister. Chopped in company with Isaac Downs, who worked to pay for drawing wood. My father & mother rode to Weeks' this morning. Sleighing good & poor. Dr Jonas drew wood 2/3rds day for Maj'r Bowers - Spent remainder P.M. with Mrs Waters & Melissa Street who visited here. Read "The Washing Day". Mr Wilcox and his lady here this evening.

114 FRIDAY, MARCH 22d Sharp morning, cold fair day - Wind,N.W. flyin cl'ds - Cousin Ruth & Lydia rode to the North, In the evening returned with Mrs Rice. This evening rad Bigland on India history. Father and mother rode again this morning. We piled wood.

SATURDAY,MARCG 23d Fair - and thawed in the afternoon. Our wood pile progressed apace. About noon entered the woods of gen Robinson by a circuitous route to get a load of stumps for Mr Batt. In crossing the Dry brook, going down a steep bank, a few rods from the ledge which overhangs its northern bank, got my horses down, which threw me into some confusion, but soon relieved them and proceeded to take in my cargo without further ob struction. Lost my whip in the affray, but found it again. Batt received his stumps of Rich in Browns woods. Mr Eldred, Mrs E. Mrs Parsons & Mr Parsons were here this P.M. Harriet Watson and a Caldwell girl paid 'Damia a visit. Evening went to town with Dr J. in a cutter - Visited - Printing and Post Offices - at the latter got a letter from C.A.Harwood to cousin Ruth - War postage charged in this office. Staid awhile at Col Merrill's - Mrs Jane was very sociable - so was Col M. Told me in conversation that he had been in this town ever since he was 15 - now near 40. Attended the Committee at Fassett's - prospects dubious. Sam Fay would not take Moderator. Borrowed Olive Branch of O.C.Merrill. Came home at 10.
115 Isaac Godfrey brought back the oxen. p. 72

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 Wrote till past 12. Read the Olive Branch - Walked with Sarah to Parsons' - Disputed with Mr West & Mr P. about compensating Members of Congress. News of the 1500 dollar vote in the Senate had reached us - They said that sum annually was too large. I granted it. They contended that an annual compensation would not remedy the evil of which the nation complained - that is the bad use of time - that it would only throw them into the opposite extreme - hurrying through the business with out taking suitable time for deliberation, and that let the salary be ever so unreasonable, no set of men could be sent there vituous enough to diminish it. This last proposition or suggestion I warmly argued against If the nation willed it otherwise, they could & would have it so. However selfish men were, no matter how fond of

filling their individual purses, the love of popularity must prevail - if one set of men voted high salary - enough might be found to take their seats at a lower rate. Mr W. said the constitution prohibited their reducing their salary. Unfounded & unreasonable - the man is highly erroneous.
Thawy, midl'g cold, wind N.W.

116 MONDAY, MARCH 25th Clear good weather - wind N.W. - Snow went fast Cut and drew out rail-stuff. Capt Norton's people draw'g wood. Uncle Jonas waited upon widow Rice home this morning. P.M. on the Flat - Wrote ballots for Giles Olin Jun'r to be Selectman E. part of the town. Dr J. attended the last meeting of the Vigilant C. previous to T. Meeting - S.Fay agreed to be run for Moderator.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 Smoky, warm, thawy, much like Spring - snow van ished fast - Flying clouds. Pruned apple trees Dr J. busy preparing himself & others for T.Meeting. We now had on hand a mow of hay, north side the W. bay, 19 ft long - 7-1/2 broad and 11 high, plenty of straw and a middle sized stack in the field N. the y'ng orchard to feed the following eneumerated stock - To Wit Three old heavy horses - 1 3 yr old & 1 yearling colt - 1 yoke oxen, 8 cows - 6, 2 yr olds - 1 yearling bull - 6 yearlings, 2 calve and 43 head of sheep. Wrote ballots for G.Olin Junr

WEDNESDAY,MARCH 27 Fine warm Spring day - S.wind - ended in a thunder shower at night, but it was light.

117 March Meeting - See p. 177 - Carried home Judge Fay's fiddle - played on the flute for R. Wit who was prettily dressed in a green gown - spirits good - Drank some of Aunt Hannah's beer. Mrs said if the federalists were likely to win the day, they, the democrats must send and get her vote - She felt very anxious for their success - would do much to carry it. About 4 P.M. stepped into E. Young's great room where he kept his library - looked at one book after another. Presently Mrs Griswold entered and upon talking about the proceedings of the day, expressed her astonishment at them - regretted it. Said her son-in-law, M.L.Selden, although in politics varying from his father, had never until that day exchang ed any warm language with him about the matter. He, at this time, reproached provoked him to it, by rebuling him for using indecent expressions towards Capt Moses Robinson while in the Meeting (which as usual was holden in the Court-house. Mr L.S. had been a Lieut in the U.S.service - Capt M. (Federal and now in the Army) charged him, if I rightfully understand, with embezzling the public money. He answered that he could honorably account for every cent of public money he had ever received, which brought on the dispute here mentioned.

118 Mrs G. informed me our Girls might have "Thad. of Warsaw". Told her I would call again ere I went home & take it - did so - Was sent to Capt Smeads to obtain it. Mrs Young and Mrs Selden, M.L's lady were together with their mother in Mrs S's room, table prepared for supper waiting for their husbands. Mrs Y. accompanied me to the door of the hall, where she talked with me about the fortune of the day - lamented it heartily - believed the republicans had not previously exerted themselves sufficiently. Went to Capt Smead - one of Mrs S's daughters sick in bed - Told me she had 6 children Requested me to play a tune on the flute - I did - and borrowed it. Mrs S. asked me if I were married - answered in the affirmative - made some observations on single & marriage life.

Thunder showers rising as I left the house - waited awhile at the P.O. for the shower to pass over, which was not long nor heavy, but accompanied by wind, high wind.

After they voted, about sunset, not to adjourn, turned short on my heel and came home. Saw friends S.H.Blackmer & U.M.Robinson and conversed with them. U.Edgerton 2d said H.A.Fay was in town from N. Y. to visit his lady at E's - going again next day.

119 THURSDAY,MARCH 28 Employed about the wood pile. Br Brown and father rode in company to Ludwick Staunton's, jointly bought a yearling bull for 9-1/2 dollars - got him hame about 2 P.M. and before night he made his escape. (An Irish dry-goods peddler here this P.M. of whom uncle J. bought a $2 silk yellow handkerchief). A Mr Kemp from Dover, Windham County,came to sell sable skins - Did not purchase. He dined here with Mr Brown this evening playing the flute. Read "Olive B." at home.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29th Let me correct. Under Thursday most of what was transacted on this day is there set down. To be correct, Thursday commenced thus - Light thunder shower in the morning. P.M. very high N.W. wind, flying clouds. Drove the cattle to the stack - Pruned apple trees till 2 P.M. - wind too high to continue it - piled oven wood. Mr K. here as above. A struggling elderly poor woman of Pownal staid all night. Uncle J. in town. Cold day, Friday.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 Worked at the woodpile A.M. P.M. attended the adjourned Town meeting. See p. Walked with my father & uncle J. going to the Court-house. In Capt Squires hollow falling in company with J.V.D.Spiegle, N. DExter &
120 Moses D.Robinson - federalists - some pleasantry arose on account of the former taking a different route up the hill from the latter party It pleased them to see us at length see us chose the same path which they pursued. At the P.O. took out a letter from uncle Asa to father Dated Sempronius, March 16 1816 - charged 25½" at this O. Himself & family indifferently well - Wanted to his brothers and sisters especially sister Robinson - that he might tell them of the goodness of God - for God was working there in a miraculous manner, bringing sinners out of darkness into light by scores and hundreds, among whom he included his daughter Semantha. Had heard good news from Old England and vsrious parts of New England, respecting religion. Appeared to him and to others that the Glorious Day was at hand. Wanted his brothers and sisters to seek an interest in Christ ere it was too late. Had heard of the death of his brother Ebenezer - wanted to know where his family lived and the name of the place at which Waterman resides. Had received my December letter, but not that which was sent per Dixon - p.86 - Says that Grandfather sent him word that he might have a horse. It is true that nine or ten years since, when the farm was overstocked with horses, one was singled out for him and information forwarded him by Caot Fillmore to that effect, but as he never sent for it, the horse was
121 sold. At that time, that is when word was sent him, it could have been spared, but since then it could not. Approved of the men proposed to him as appraisers. (p.85)

At Cushman's saw a young good-looking man named Salisbury who had suffered the amputation of his left thigh on account of a white-swelling that had mortified - 4 months since it was done. His whole sickness had cost him about $800. His portion amounted to 1000 - Shaftsbury people had contributed 150 Or 200 D's. In the evening rode to uncle S.Robinson's to see Sam Junr about hiring him the ensuing

season. All sat round a good fire in peaceful and happy mood except Sam who bled stoutly at the nose. While we busily talked over French affairs uncle S. generously mended one of my stirrup leathers which gave way going down the long hill. Chill and cloudy at night, snowed from S.W.

Our wood deserves notice - 13 cords & 52 feet, 1/8 oven-wood, in solid pile - enough more scattering to am't to 18 cords. Compute the annual consumption at 25.

SUNDAY, MARCG 31st Wrote the usual task, and read "O.Branch". Uncle Jonas and 'Dama went to hear the negro minister, from Rev. 3d 200. Coysins U. & S. Robinson aupped here. Uncle J. and the former went to meeting in Algiers in the ev'g. The latter staid all night. Cousin Ruth went to E.Waters' where they were sick.

122 All kinds of weather experienced during this month, from warm and mild to very rough and cold - several snows - short intervals of sleighing - some hail - a few instances of thunder and but little rain. The end of this month ends the winter, which had been singular. No sleighing in this quarter of any duration - Long cold spells, dry & frozen - rain & snow scarce - some days remarkably warm - See Jan 22d - others as cold - not exceeded in many instances. It may be inferred that where these remarks apply, business must have received a great check, which was actually the case.

MONDAY, APRIL 1st Warm, breezy from the S. a little P.M. Employed as mentioned in V. 3d p.596. Mr Brown and uncle Jonas rode to Staunton's and returned with the bull mentioned p. 119. Wrote some. Read uncle Asa's letter.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2d Uncle J. and I had business among McEowen's cattle about 10 A.M. P.M. Lydia rode with me to Waters' - watched there with Mrs W. Chains and plow-shares left at the blacksmith's to be mended - Went to the printing O. No paper this w(k - Mr Haswell sick - Bought quire of paper. Called as I returned at Tho's Clarkes to see about my work.

123 Strange was hard to be persuaded to do it on Clark's account - said he had begun working for himself - C. owed him $200 -Well-pole raised this P.M. (p.43) Samuel Thayer received per James Greenslet 2 bbls cider - $4 on account of his house being burnt - (p.79) - High, cold, chill, N.W. wind - Cloudy.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3d Fair - cold N.W.wind - Chopping at the pile about finished. Well-pole raised this day, not on the 2d - Lydia came from E. Waters' this ~~evening~~ morning - Mrs W. no bdtter - Friend W. went to L. Norton's - hired his sister S. to go and live at his house while his lady remained sick.

Cousin R. returned home - 'Dama went there at night and watched Mr West very sick at Parsons' of the pleurisy. Mr Duncan had the same disorder - so said his son Dewey. This was a prevalent complaint A sickly season .

THURSDAY, APRIL 4th Fair - warm - wind S. good sugar weather. Mending brush and other fences. 'Dama came home full of novels. Felt sluggish and Jaundicy.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th Employed as on Monday. Cloudy, warm, wind S. rained a little at night. Frogs thawed out. Watched with Mr West. Mr Capron and our new neighbor Mr Dimmick came for that purpose. Mr W. dismissed them.

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124 Saturday, April 6th Damp S. wind - cloudy - Wind changed N.W. began raining hard - became cold. Assisted uncle Jonas grind his axe A.M. P.M. we split out bar posts from an oak log which we rolled off the rocks. Father unwell. Felt the effects of watching. Mr West better.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7th Cold morning - Strong chill N.W. wind. Visited 2 sugar trees along with Sarah - Shaved & began writing about 11 - 4 P.M. took down the O.Branch - Read some most excellent things on impressment - Walked to Tho's C's with Sarah - staid but a little while. Few people at Church. A Universalist preacher in Algiers - named B Uncle Jonas and Mr Parsons heard him. Sophie Waters here most of the day.

MONDAY, APRIL 8th Hazy - strong S. wind. Cold till 10 A.M. then warmer - Getting out rails and stakes to mend fe fence on the Norton line where the whole wall stands. Frost in the ground so as to hinder driving stakes. Tolerable sap weather. U.M. Robinson gallanted 'Dama to Algiers. Mrs Batt & Mrs Casey here this P.M.

125 TUESDAY, APRIL 9th Mild - Wind S. - Looked for rain from that quarter till 3 P.M. Wind chopped round, N.W. hard driving shower ensued. Cold & chill. Wished to work out bar-posts in the morning, but had no auger - lent to somebody - did not know who. Mending shadbone P.M. Loaned to Mr Caldwell uncle Jonas' waggon to go to Esq'r Hubbell's - the owner absent at Hoosick. Mr C. had watched with Mr West ~~up-to~~ who had had the sickest night since he was taken - Rather better P.M. O.Branch this ev'g.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th Very cold, high, piercing, chilly N.W. wind Mr West considered extremely dangerous - had the hickups - abated some before night. Found the 2 inch auger at Capt Norton's. Burning brown-ware kiln - Clarissa spinning linen. Eliza - tow. Informed Capt N. respecting Mr West. 10 A.M. went with Mr Bliss to drawing apple- tree brush from the Swift farm now in part owned by Dr S. - to Mr B's dwelling at Cook Castle. Three L'ds. Mr B. had pruned the young & old orchards on the farm. I had to go with him to see how well he had done the former. Shewed me the hook he used in doing it - Very agreeable & sociable. Came home at three very hungry. Brought chains & plow-shares with me

126 which Lot Strange had mended & sharpened of Clark's A c't. This lattdr gentleman had lately absented himself deep in debt - William Smedley called - from the N. to Williamstown - inhealth & high spirits. His Mother lately married to a Mr Hodges to whom he had leased his farm three years - meaning himself to go to the W'd . Worked out a few bar-posts - picked up all the scattering billets of wood and back logs - added them to the pile. Parade before the kitchen door all clear except a small heap of wood for present use - the wood pile being in the old "Clothes yard". Uncle Jonas arrived from Hoosack about noon - P.M. went down to nurse Mr West. Mr L. Dewey came to ~~salt~~ sell chunks - no trade. Mr Joshua Gates made his entry, late from Boston in to the neighborhood. Mr Parsons received a letter from Jonathan Rogers - N.Haven - requesting to return. See Vol. 3 p. 743 Read O.Branch at eve. Clear day.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11 Frozen haed but calm morning - Wind at 9 fresh from S. very chill - brought on hail & snow at night. Mending shadbone A.M. - P.M. repairing fence on Brown's line - N. the sheep pasture - ugly job. Mother rode our - very bzd riding- Mrs Duncan here this P.M.

127 Read Jontgan R's letter, with some surprise. Always was ofppinion that it had been better for him to have remained at Mr P's if he were unsready. O.Branch again this evening.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12th Snowed much from S.E. Wet unpleas't weath'r. Preparing posts for wall and bars. Going to town met Erastus Montague - started at seeing him - invited him to our house - It was near Dr Swift's barn - told him I would hasten my return. Ran into the P.O. - nobody there. Poked my head into Fassett's bar-room - thence to M.L.Selden's - handed his lady "Thaddeus of Warsaw" with thanks from our girls - she thought they were very punctual. Asked me if I had read it - said not. Entered the printing office - saw Ben Hyde, Clerk to the P.O. - asked some questions respecting P.O. regulations. Spoke a word with capt Hicks about clover-seed. Stemmed the mud for home. Halted at Brown's to have friend Eratus' company - B. was cooking his and his sons' supper - Played the flute while Erastus brushed the mud off his boots - said it was dreadful riding. Had some pleasing conversation with him on former times - he wanted to

128 to see friend Lcke - see Journ'l for 1812-13 and April 1814. Company could not hinder my reading the O.Branch. Joshua Gates & Gideon House here this evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 Snow storn from the E. continued - No so rough. Dreadful travelling - Something done in the post line. Conversed with friend Montague. Mr Caldwell brought down two snug-built tolerably fed yearlings for father to say what they were worth. He called me to his assistance. We consulted together and agreed to $5½ a-piece. Before delivering our verdict, Mr C. proposed to chalk for it, which was fone. - both marking alike. These were to go to Mr West for debt. A long time preparing to go to town - Shaving kettle overset - spilled the contents in the fire while I was reading the newspaper. Went away at 3, called to see Mr West - took errands for him. Halted at Lawyer Squier to get some tamarinds - had none - could not tell where there were any. Mr S. said he was going immediately down and would carry a little currant-jell. At E.Young's procured oysters, lemons and oranges which had been sent for by him for Mr W. Saw Judge Robinson in the street - said he was better

129 Attended a book-vendue at Cushman's - S.Fay,Auct'r. The books were the property of Joseph Dix - chiefly religious - went pretty l low. Saw J.E.Robinson at the P.O. Took some traces mended at Col Notgn's and came home about dark. Uncle S. Robinson watched with Mr West. Read the B.Branch to E. Montague.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th Storm still continued - Sour, cold & uncomfortable. Friend Erastus tarried with us - appeared fond of novels - tolerably informed respecting Govermental affairs in the state of N. York - Grudged the time spent in writing wished to read the O. Branch. Sam Batt sick. All hands at Parson's at sundown. They visited Mr W. I did not. He had dismissed his nurse this morning. Evening read Scottish history. Girl's read novels 'till a late hour.

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MONDAY, APRIL 15th A fairer prospect broke upon us this morning, notw'd'g a most raw, snow squally, chilly day ensued. Mr W. departed for S. Hadley - Going thither to procure broom-corn and seed. Some misunderstanding between me and Sarah about her going to the Exhibition in Algiers. I mistook her motive in refusing to attend - convinced of her fair intention, made me easy. When I arrived there, rejoiced at her absence - so cold was the house and so dead were the intervals without music.

130 Took my way through pastures, fields, sugar-orchards & meadows, where the walking was dry, but no signs of vegetation to cheer the eyes, appeared, neither did the sap flow from the maple - so dreary & Wintry was the scene - as I advanced to the Algerine Academy. The Exhibition had been opened previous to my entrance.- "Joseph made known to his brethren", had been played. Next came out "Brutus Harangue on the death of Caesar" - spoken by D. Walbridge Jun'r - Tolerably. All, or the principal part of the players were unknown to me - and this day being designated for the accommodation of boys - no handbills were issued to give information by whom the several,plays &c would be acted - Mr Martin the Preceptor did this verbally, but it was impossible to retsin them. Retured to a window next the street to minute down the few dry observations which might occur to me. Next in succession appeared a little girl - daughter of D. Walbridge - Rehearsed Goldsmith's "Rural Charms" - Too low - too fast - caught but few words. Then came forth - "Dialogue on Cowardice & Knavery" - J.B.Fisk, L. Thayer, D.Walbridge Jun., H.Harvey, E.D.Waters - Decently. Oration, The Powers of Eloquence" , U.M.Robinson - Good - voice full and manly. Dry, insipid, impatient interval ensued - No music - That being reserved for next day. Now was introduced "The
131 Widow & Riding-horse" - D. Love, T.Hills, H.Harvey, L.Thayer, U.M. Rob'n, Miss C. Godfrey - An entertaining piece, but by most of the players spoken too fast. Miss G. was well up to the "Widow" - with one exception - Instead of giving the word "you" its proper sound - it came out "YEW" The same fault was committed by some of the gentlemen. He that shewed himself first with the Widow - spoke too fast & too much like read'g. - wither others wrongly placedh the emphasis. One with a keen, sharp voice played handsomely - and U.M.Robinson gravefully executed his Lawyer. This was followed by "Hagar & Ishmael" - Miss H. Booth, Hagar - E.D.Waters, Ishmael. D.Walbridge Jun'r, Angel. Admirably performed. Miss B however, I think in one instsnce, forced nature a little too much but great praise is due her for the impressive manner in which she executed her part. Those eyes which direct this pen were bathed in tears at beholding so interesting a scene. "Oration on Eloquence", by J.B.Fisk, Subject good but hardly toned to my liking. Characters next exhibited were - "Tim Crusty & Betty Wrinkle" - E.D.Waters and Eunice Faxon - both young - but performed it to the life. Great roar of applause was clapped from the audience Next was presented "Ladies of Castile" - Tragedy - which to me afforded very little satisfavtion. Had I ever perused it, or could have held a copy of it,my hand while it was played
132 it might have produced a very different effect, but situated as I was it excited disgust rather than interest. I am entirely ignorant of stage performances - have nothing but the light of nature, by which to regulate my judgment on the subject. In my humble opinion this Tragedy was above the reach of those who, under their present preceptor, acted it at this time. Animation, articulation - and a well toned goice were lacking. A certain grandeur & majesty of expression capable of working up the pas-

sions was not there. The drums and guns had a good effect, but blowing the trumpet within the chamber was to near to answer the desired purpose - harsh & dusgusting. Another defect was, the length of the piece. Miss Dewey - too low and faint - Miss B. preserved her usual character, but fell into the same error with the others, accenting for rhyme, where there was no rhyme. But taking into consideration their limited opportunity and other cir cumstances, they acquitted themselves honorably. I mean the last remark for every actor in the Tragedy - Succeeding the foregoing The farce of "Old Wallop" was ushered in - U.M.Robinson principal actor - Rec'd with loud applause. "Charles Chatterbox",E.D.Waters. "Exhortation to temperance in pleasure", pronounced by Jona Hunt Junr - Well for a youth. Intermission half
133 an hour . Audience fatigued, oppressed with cold, glad to retire Dined at capt Hill's - Mr B.Squires' lady & Miss S. Waters likewise. Two young men were at table whom I did not know - pretended to be versed in Theatrical performances - I mean acquainted with seeing them - Took no great notion to these gentry.

Soon after retiring from the table,returned & took my former stznd at the window. Before the exhibition re-commenced, Mr Martin addressed the boys, who had been very noisy, requesting them silence, as it was for them they performed. Began with "She stoops to conquer", which was well executed, but in this as in the pieces generally, U.M.R. & Miss B. left the others in the shade. They did not follow nature, spoke as if they were reading "David & Goliah" - handsomely - by Eliph. Walbridge & J.Hunt Jun. Poem, by David Love - Good - Introduced Tragedy of Douglass while I was out a moment. This went pretty well but having never read, could not properly understand it. "The World a Stage" &c by E.D. Waters closed the Exhibition, was lasted from 9 A.M. till 6 P.M. I am indebted to the Bill for the names throughout. "She stoops to conquer", by Wm Harvey, Asah'l Booth, Hiram Barber, James Burrell Fisk, Uel Merrill Robinson, David Walbridge Jr, the Misses Har't Booth, Sally Dewey, Eunice Faxon, Ruth Dewey, - Douglass - By Booth, Fisk, Hills, Robinson, Harvey, Walbridge - Misses H. Booth, Cath'e Godfrey. Evening read O. Branch.

134 TUESDAY, APRIL 16th Cold, cloudy - high N.W.Wind. Thick, dark, snow showers P.M. - particularly about 4 o'clock. Repaired cart and mended cider-mill roof. Boated stone, P.M. Wm Smedley left here for Cambridge, Vt., on foot, this morning. Uncle Jonas with cousins Ruth, Lydia, 'Damia & M.H.Campbell attended 2nd day Algerian Rxhibition - opened to a very crowded house - half past 12 at noon - ended 12 at night. Some pieces omitted preceding day - spoken this day. Cold weather abundant - hay very scarce - Many obliged to fly to Hoosick to buy.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 The storm continued - snowed but little in the low-lands - the mountains received an addition to their already plentiful stock of snow, which had, much of it, accumulated since the first of March. Chill, cloudy and cheerless Wrote an account of the Exhibition - p. 130 - Cousin Ruth ill of the Exhibition Fever - caught on that ever memorable night when between 4 & 500 persons were crowded into the upper loft of the very little Algerian Academy to see & hear Mr M's Exhibition - Read more of the "Olive Branch".

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THURSDAY, APRIL 18 Another snowy, but less chilly day. Strong gusts N.W. wind. My father & mother rode out. Uncle J. & I moved hay from

135 stack to the barn - Reckoned we had three tons hay on hand. P.M. Dr J. rode to the E. part of the town & my father & I mended fences where "The Dry Branch" crossed the lane. 4 o'clock carried a letter to the P.O. entered it, paid the postage, handed it to capt Hicks to give to his son, who had agreed to hand it to Ellis Doty, Wilmington - to request him to send over clover seed which he engaged to buy for us. J.H.Hicks to fetch it in the stage - Visited the printing office - procured 1 N.Y.R'n & 1 Baltimore F'l paper - Saw S.H.Blackmer, pursuaded him to accompany me home. He played the fife in Cushman's bar-room to amuse a poor man who was very muc much afflicted with "St Anthony's Dance". We met Judge Fay in the street - asked him for his fiddle - gave leave to take it, but must return it within a day or two - as he had used it of late, and his folks had become mightily fond of it, but to him, he added, it afforded no amusement. (I hardly think it true.) Called at his house - Treated politely by R.Wit and Aunt Hannah - played on the flute for them. Mrs F. came out with the fiddle, presuming I would like to see it. When informed I had borrowed it - were unwilling that it should come. Mrs F. said Mr F. played better than he had done for several years. This short complimentary visit ended, came home by way of the back pastures, W. of the road. Music - the main business of the evening. Ice in a large frog pond made the preceding night, not all dissolved at noon.

136 FRIDAY, APRIL 19th Rather more calm this morning, from 9 till night a constant, cutting, chill, damp, sleety, N.W. breeze prevailed. Gloom on every object - Mountains and high hills, conspicuously white with snow - Building post & rail wall W. side the lane near the little bridge between the old and Clark's orchard. Began it in the slough. A little time morning and noon hearing friend Blackmer's music. He quitted here at 4 P.M. Evening all the young folks of this mansion had a good natured chit-chat around the stove about the late Exhibitions. Took my "Writing Establishment" went to Mr Parsons' to watfh with Mr West. Left the establishment in the outer room - Not wishing to expose it. Sat sometime in the kitchen - then went into Mr W's room - Mr Caldwell & Mr P. there - very sociable - they at length withdrew. Mr C. however stopped in the kitchen. I wrnt and brought in my Journal and establishment. Mr P. saw and spoke of it - Mr C. requested to see it - Isaac Downs' (hired boy) was sent into West's room for it - handed it to Mr C. who read several pages of it, particularly p.130-1 & 2 Barbarous and deceitful enough to say a good thing or two about it. Wrote, watfhed & slept on a buffalo hide. Mr W. quite comfortable.

137 SATURDAY, APRIL 20th More fair than for many previous days, but a chilling breeze met us from N.W. which increased as the day advanced - Mud dried up remarkably fast. Unprecedented call for hay. Wall continued. Dr Jonas assisted 2 days. P. 29. Mr Parsons, as he was standing looking on, while we were working. Mr H.W. HULL came to see him. He joked him closely on his new business - manufacturing playing cards - Telling him "That must be the last resort. Mr H. replied if that was the last resort, and failing he could try nothing farther. Our next guest was our new neighbour, Mr Horace Dimmick, tenant to Mr Brown - Returned from Rush, Pa. came to Mr B's early this month or latter part of March - hath a wife & 3 children. Parsons present again - intruded one of his

rough ill-timed puns on the venerable ~~Rev~~ Mr James Fresswell who was passing by when Mr Brown sat upon his horse - haltered & blanketed - The joke was to introduce Mr B. to Mr F. that the former might ask consent of the latter for Wid. Blake. Mr F. marched off, wholly ignorant of the pretended motive to the introduction, but well knowing the want of earnestness in what he had seen - Mr B. rode away, affecting great contempt for Mr P. Five P.M. prepared for going to town. Met E.Montague who had returned

138 from South Hadley. He foolishly refused putting up here although strongly pressed by us - Proposed going to McEowen's - halted at Browns' - Left him there and went on. Did an errand at Dr S's - Left fiddle at Judge Fay's - Miss Wit requested a tune on the flute,could not stay - Mwt Judge F. - offered to go back to hear him play, but said he was going right onto the hill in a few mom'ts. Stepped into Hicks' store - made no business there. Ran into the P.O. Nobody in. Next, to Capt Hicks' - enquired for clover-seed from Wilmington. None came. Their great dog showed growling displeasure to my innOcent Keeper - they shut him out. Then to Mrs Smeads' - Had company- Spoke her respecting the flute. Said she expected to move to Albany next Tuesday - Wanted it brought home by that time. Requested me to take tea - refused - At the printing office a moment. Next to the Bock Vendue, Cushman's - Ruel Harvey bought more than anyone I saw. Went to E. Young's - Mrs Young complained of a swolen finger - shewed her hand to Mr Y. - he laughed, which a little ruffled, though it did not disconcert her. Mr L. Selden was taking down his stove. Mrs Y. handed me the Argus, '& I left the house. Called on Major Bowers for cash - could pay none now - would before removing to Greenwich, N.Y. Mrs B. very sick. Spent the evening at Mr Parsons' - supped - read the Argus to Mr W. Came home late with Sarah who spent the P.M. there.

139 SUNDAY, APRIL 21st Chilling blasts from N.E. Snow-squalls late P.M. E. MOntague lodged, and with his hired man, engaged for his master Mason, breakfasted with us. Felt rheumatic pains. More writing than reading. Sophie Waters, C. & E. Norton here late this P.M.

MONDAY,APRIL 22d Snowy till past 9 A.M. accompanied with the honors of Winter - Birds and every living creature exposed mourned it. Rode to Hinsdills with an order from Dr Swift and bought for 21 cents per lb 30 lbs clover seed. Left a letter in the P.O. to inform Mr Doty that we should not want what we had engg engaged of him. If he had purchased it then according to agreement we must take it - Requested him not to purchase, but if he had, to dispose of it, if he could, to someone else. Wind arose too high to sow clover seed - and P.M. went to plowing with two teams - Uncle Jonas assisted with his horse. Sarah worked at Mr Parsons'. Evening, made a very friendly & agreeable visit at Mr Parsons' - had capt Smead's flute, played in concert. At his earnest request, drank some bitters - Young Sam sick with the tooth-ache. Mr B. was good enough to engage to carry home for me Capt S's flute. Charles Rich was tried and found by jury at a Justice Court in the sum of seven dollars & cents for killing a favorite young dog of McEowen's. It was sent him by McFarlan from Albany.

TUESDAY,APRIL 23d Wind N. More pleasant than for 13 days before - A little chilly. Grass began to vegetate. Prospect more cheering. Sold to Asher Wilcox 1 bbl cider - price $2.00 Held plough.

140 behind dull oxen and horse - Isaac Downs, driver - Dr Jonas with his horse ploughing stalk ground. Vol 3 p. 362 Father sowed his wheat field with clover seed. Vol 3 p. 723 (30 lb to the acre) Loan Dewey Esq made an unsuccessful effort to dispose of a trunk here. Related the Dog Cause. See Monday.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 Once more we hailed a fine, smiling, heart cheering day - a day which must be set down as the dawn of Spring - But the Wind was N. and the mountains although their white robes were dreadfully tattered by the rays of Old Sol still retained evident marks of the lateness of winter's tardy flight - Ploughing - 2 teams - Dr Jonas & horse included. Mr West crept out to bask in the sun - sent him newspapers, which highly pleased him - He rode to Dr Swift's - Ruth & Lydia visited Mrs Mercy Chase. Miss Eunice Jewett came to hire Uncle Jonas' horse 1 horse waggon - politely.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25th Cold morning - some ice - Fine, warm day followed. Ploughing & sowing went lively - Flax, oats & spring wheat were sown - Uncle Jonas and horse both employed Cousin Sam Robinson spent the P.M. here. Miss Eunice Jewett with her sister, Lydia, had uncle J's waggon to ride to Cambridge, N.Y. Mother rode one of Mr West's horses to the E. part of the town. Some of our common poplars began to look gray - All doubts removed respecting hay - plenty, extraordinaries excepted. Mr Brown carried the flute to Mrs Smead just as she was ready to set off to Albany on Tuesday morning.

141 FRIDAY, APRIL 26 Fine, warm weather continued. Business progressed prosperously. Uncle Jonas & cousin Sam ploughed wheat stubble N. of the young orchard. Sowing oats, flax seed and wheat finished, which occupy the field S.E. the young orchard, planted in 1815 S. end sown with flax seed, middle & largest part with oats - N. end with Siberian, and that part E. of the brook, withbthe common kind of wheat. Miss Jewett returned the waggon at noon - Uncle J. had only a gaze. Our three horse team broke a plow beam - Neighbor Dimmick framed in a new one. Cousin Sam began now to work on account of his six month's engagement.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 Remained dry and pleasant. A chilly breeze sprang up from N.W, in the P.M. Sowing completed at noon. The ground, which was used as a potato-yard - 1815 - now sown with barley - on the S. bank of the brook against the S. orchard - P.1. Ground which had been manured the preceding Fall, rye-stubble in the field bounded N. by Brown's Moseley farm, was plowed by a team of three horses. The upper part of the field, unplowed and un-manured. Uncle Jonas & cousin Sam employed again - the latter & I ploughed together - P.M. Graat juncks of ice remained at the bottom of the heaps of manure, many of which were so firmly riveted to the ground as to defy the strength of our team to remove them. Ruth & Lydia visited at F. Jewett's.

142 SUNDAY, APRIL 28 Walked out with Sarah to view the winter wheat - Found much of it killed. Laid our course for Parsons'. Mr West in good spirits - read newspaper to him. Came home about 2 P.M. followed writing. Had read some in Heepers travels & Bigland during our walk. Cousin U.M.Robinson came to see us, after meeting, where father, uncle J. and Lydia had also attended. Cousin Ruth had the tooth-ache - Fine, warm pleasant weather - rather too dry.

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MONDAY, APRIL 29th Warm and smoky - Rain only was wanting to make grass grow finely - Elder leaves were out. Late in the morning began manuring that vacant ground mentioned p. 141 - Borrowed Mr Brown's cart, which was in better rig than it had been for several years, Dimmick having repaired it snugly, yet, did it lack so essential an article as a

Mr West walked up from Mr Parsons'; to look at us - furthest he had walked at once since his illness (p. 123) Uncle Jonas had his waggon mended, & made other movements for quitting his native sod. Miss Lovicey Harwood visited here this P.M. - Removed the stove up to one side of the kitchen - took down the pipe - had not used it much since the 22d, and but a single fire was wanted or used about these days. Mr West said he was almost 60, when asked his age.

143 TUESDAY, APRIL 30 Much warmer than on the 29th - heat really burdensome - Smoky - P.M. the wind seemed to be established in the S. having blown several days from the opposite point As to the month generally, it must be said to have been extremely cold & boisterous, as one the longest and most disagreeable N.E. storms was experienced that has visited us for some years. But one or two warm days, 'till past the 22d when the old frost had not fully left the ground - Subsequent to that day a gradual change took place, and except want of rain, no weather could be more pleasing. Not well informed respecting wheat, understood that it was killed in many places - a third of our own certainly gone - Lombardy poplars began to leave out. Snowed many days successively but seldom any rain. Business of this, like the preceding day - Isaac Downs worked here for Mr Parsons. I walked to town at night. Saw Col Merrill, told him we could spare him some sheese. Col M. observed to Mr Gaby, Col Norton & myself, that several persons, himself as well as others, had noticed this day, a black spot on the sun's disk - Some supposed it to be Mercury, others that it was a spot in the sun - No calculation for this by almanac makers. Returned the Olive Branch to Col Merrill. Found a letter from C.A.Harwood to his sister - entered at Butternuts 24th - in this office - gave directions to have it forwarded it her, N. psrt of the town within 3 days, if no opportunity occurred so soon, then send it this way. At the printing office saw nobody - At S.B.Young's borrowed Ec-
144 centric Biography of women and the 2d Vol. of the Emerald - a Boston periodical work of 1807. Took the Argus from Young's - Received a castor hat for farher at Brooks' - Left Surveyors bill of this highway District in the hand of Erastus Severance to deliver to McEowen who was at supper - Uncle Jonas, all in print, set off for Rupert - conveyed cousin Ruth to the N. part of the town. Our spinsters opened the spinning hall, for the first time this season.

WEDNESDAY, May 1st Smoky, cloudy, & warm, with wind S.W. till past 3 P.M. when there arose a short storm of rain, thunder & very furious blasts of wind from N.W. which caused a sudden change to cold & chill. My father carted manure & plowed part of Mr Parsons' garden. I plowed E. Waters' garden, including his other patches and a part of Dexter's - David Ruttenbur, who had a bad bile on his right heel, gave direction how to proceed - Played on the Clarionett bunglingly - He could use it with considerable dexterity. Willows, maples, apple trees &c began faintly to grow green Fires had become frequent in woods, much damage sustained in many places, particularly in a grove beyond the furnace belonging to Gov Tichenor - Mr Trenor calculated that gentleman's loss at $1000 besides the vast injury suffered by others - Very dry season - Seldom rained all the Spring - The ladies scrubbed the Meeting house - Diademia assisted.

145 THURSDAY, MAY 2d Cold, chill morning - pretty clear cool day - Spreading manure and ploughing on the ground mentioned p. 141 - Cousin Sam came to us as we were putting up fence which was blown down the day before (p.126) - It was 2 P.M. -

Removals - Mr Batt removed to Champney's on Monday - See Vol 3d fore part June - Mr Capron left Mr Brown's with a numerous family of females, having but one son, for Utica, N.Y. Mr David Caldwell left the Montague alias Fairchild house for Algiers.

FRIDAY, MAY 3d Finished ploughing the planting ground the first going over. P.M. carted off the over-plus stone drawn to that wall built on the 19th & 20th ult. - p. 136-32-Nov - Top-railed fence from Parsons' garden alongside the little meadow with rails which composed the fence which stood where the wall now stands - Drew up near two loads of refuse stuff which always collects about old fences. Uncle Jonas arrived from Rupert by way of Sodom & White Creek - Saw Miss Theodosia More, Old Mrs Church, &c. - the latter sick and not likely to survive many days - Staid in White Creek at Mr N. Mellen's - friend Henry about to go to Newburg, N.Y. - if he could not get employment there meant to steer for Pennsylvania. Brought cousin Ruth with him. Miss E. & Miss Lydia Jewett here this. Mr Parsons drew boards from Pownal - made a swearing visit here this evening. A Stamford man sold us 23½ lbs stirred sugar for 1½ lbs wheat which at the river would have gone at 150 cts pr bhl. Temperate day, smoky pleasant weather.

146 SATURDAY,MAY 4th Garden made - fence between the young orchard & field N.E. of it top-railed. That field and the other beyond the N. meadow which comprise ground to plant, harrowed out by Sam; and 28 scions set by me in the young orchard. Uncle Jonas performed with usual skill at gardening. Cousin Sam having helped us from Thursday 2 P.M. went home at night. Another of our dry & more than usually warm days - Smoky, flying clouds from S.W. - many signs of rain - Leaves momentarily enlarging, swelling out of the bud and expanding themselves as fast as could be expected while the dry weather holds. Distressing accounts frequent in the papers, of ravages committed by the Devouring Element.

SUNDAY, MAY 5th The sun arose to a smoky day - damp wind from S.W Warm - Rained about 5 P.M. Thundered - Air became cooler - Rain came very opportunely - a very universal cry for it had prevailed a good while. Having had a restless night, heavy sleep confined me too long in the morning - Indeed this Spring dullness mixt itself with all the enjoyments of the day. Took a walk past noon with Sarah to dig sweet briar root near the N.W. corner of the plow-field next to Brown's, to make tea for supper - mother being in a rage for it. Mother rode to Esq'r Noble; Pownal. Father went to to Church. The Emerald claimed my attention.

147 MONDAY, MAY 6th More cool after the rain - pleasant - Trees advancing rapidly in vegetation - pastures progressing with equal rapidity - Our cows were turned to pasture on the 1st inst. - they would eat hay till about the 4th. Young cattle & colts doing pretty tolerably in the woods. P.152 Wrote a letter for Uncle Jonas, under this date, with attempts at drollery, to Mr Dan'l Clark, Colrain, Ms, chiefly concerning $2,00 which the latter borrowed of the former when he was here - p. 83. It was presumed he had sent the money, but that it had miscarried. Uncle J. handsomely requested he would transmit it pr mail to my father in his absence.

The day was employed by Uncle J. in preparation for Butternuts.

We ploughed in the field next to the y'g orchard - Father had a hard one with his dull oxen; would not plow with them another day for the brightest dollar he ever saw - Cousin Ruth almost frantic with the tooth-ache. Mr Dimmick made complaint against the inroads of our flock Diademia procured choice gzrden roots at gov'r Tichenor's.

Mr Brown here this evening, to whom uncle J. delivered his unreserved and ill opinion of Miss Alice Norton , Rupert. I was stricken at noon with a rheumatic pain in my right leg - Some easier at night - when I wrote a brief letter to Ja's Waterman and lady to inform them what composed their share of furniture. See Feb'y 15th 16th - p. 85. Mr Sam'l Atwood this morning dunned for 30 Or 40 dollars of what was due his brother

148 Moses' estate. The money was engaged at night of Mr West. Mr A. sa said if he could get this sum, he would not call for the other in a long time. See p. 2.

TUESDAY, MAY 7th A.M. - tolerably mild - P.M. chilly & cloudy. 3 o'clock a driving rain commenced which did not cease till sometime in the night. Rain compelled us to quit our plow with which we had been at work. Dr Swift having extracted a 2d tooth for cousin Ruth, she found herself relieved from a long and most poignant toothache.

Dr S. put in his petition against our ill-behaved flock, which had harassed him of late, on the upper part of his farm.

Be it remembered, that between the hour of 8 & 9 in the morning, Mother, in a most spirited, active & resolved manner, ordered and actually assisted at taking down the stove.

Cousin Ruth deposited in my care a note against Ariel Denio for the sum of 4½ dollars which he sent her from his residence in Rupert pr Uncle Jonas, in consideration of a bureau he received of her at $8. meaning to have her take the remainder in a blanket, but which on account of the poor quality of it, and other reasons she refused receiving. Note to be out on the first of October ensuing.

Settled accounts with Uncle Jonas which since Dec. 12th were on his part $ On my fathers $ - due the latter $11.93

149 3 dollars which he received from Mr Charles Capron in work, was not included, through mistake, in the reckoning. Uncle J. ordered me to receive for him $2 of Mr Dan'l Clark of Colraine - $3 of Major Bowers and $00.64" of Mr N.F.Champney - and to pay Reuben Brush, Algiers, $3

WEDNESDAY,MAY 8th Mountains' tops covered with snow, cloudy, sour & chill - Driving cold rain in the P.M. Uncle Jonas & Cousin Ruth set out for Butternuts, N.Y. about 9 this morn'g. Wrote a letter by uncle J. to James Waterman, which was no otherwise important than in giving information of what his portion of furniture consisted. It contained a proposal from mother to buy the old side-saddle, price 5 D's. The morning was devoted to assisting uncle J. P.M. the weather was so chilly, lowering and wet, that nothing of much value was done in at plowing. Father, chiefly concerned in fencing a pasture to confine his flock, which we had imprisoned in the barn to have their fore hoofs pared. Read some entertaining accounts of remarkable ladies in Eccentric Biography - Assisted about paring hoofs. Drew a barrel of cider for Ebenezer Chase Junr who paid for it in an order of $2 on Strong's store, signed H.C.Hull. Hiram Stiles came with him - wanted to get a bbl of cider - failed for want ~~t~~of cash - 4 P.M. J. Murphy came to see us. Maples full of bloom.

150 THURSDAY, MAY 9th Strong, raw, steady N.W. wind - Some rainy,P.M. Snow lay on Manchester mountain all day. Gloomy & cloudy. Red plums in full bloom. Assisted about paring hoofs

early in the day - The pasture being prepared, the flock was put therein. Had business down among Mr Green's herd - Harry Parsons assisting - Joe Hand fell in with us at Capt Norton's, accompanied us, & was materially useful. Returned at noon through the wheat field where my eye met a sad and barren prospect, 1/3d of the wheat at least being killed. (See p.142) Sam, who had arrived off his p post route plowed with horses and I with those drones, called oxen - P.M. Evening visited, with S., Court House Hill - Made the first call at the Post Office - Saw Hiland Hall, Wm Haswell and Capt D. Robinson, who had lately moved in to his house - Next at E. YOUng's to hear Mr B. Story play the flute - heard him some, & played some myself. Mrs Y. called her sister to recollect an old tune which they had heard capt Smead play, which he said he learned of me - It was Robinson's March - After several attempts I performed it. I had the tune of Norman Judd in 1804 Or 5 - He brought it from Goshen Conn. As I came away Mr Y. asked me to attend a meeting on Saturday to see if they could form a debating society. Said I would.
151 Next at Pickett's store - bought a light wrorn broom for 21 cts, and 1 lb coffee. Pickett bought of Wm Haswell a smallish pig by the inch.- agreed to pay 1/0 every inch he would measure from the end of his foreleg to the top of his shoulder. A ludicrous bargain indeed .

A fair moon, lighted us home, after going into Fassett's to witness the last struggle of the Sons of Liberty - So few came up that no meeting was opened. J.Murphy here all day. It was neighbor Green's Old South Farm that I visited this morn'g.

FRIDAY, MAY 10th Ground ready by noon to plant except furrowing, which in part was effected in the P.M. by me and S.H.Brown. He informed me of some circumstances relating to his living at Horse Neck, Conn. where he went to school the last 4 years previous to coming here in Dec'r 1815 - See p. 42-46 The old rain-trough which having become rotten and decayed - it being 24 years since being put to use, was drawn away and left in the lane S. the barn-yard to salt cattle in. An old shanty near the well was demolished. Mrs Waters with her friend Lovicey Bliss on an P.M. visit here this. Temperate mild air - hazy toward evening - signs of rain.

SATURDAY, MAY 11th Began planting next to Brown's - Rainy - Thunder shower 1 P.M. broke up business - Visited Mr Loomis - begged a few pumpkin seeds, would have bought some seed corn did not know as they could spare any till
152 they had themselves planted. Saw Mr Eddy, Ira Loomis' father-in-law filing a saw. Came by E. Fay Jr as he was ploughing a spot for a potato-yard, when coming home - Stopp'd at L. Norton's - made a pleasing visit - Supped with him and friend Sophia - his lady absent at Williamstown - Played a good many old tunes to him & capt Norton he played & sang too. Sister Lydia arrived about seven to stay with S. the night. Said she had supp'd. More rain than had not fallen for a long time before. W'd S.

Tuesday evening father paid Mr Samuel Atwood $40 for which sum he gave him his note, that morning, to Josiah West. See p. 147. A mistake, p.149 On looking at the Ac't Book found that Capron's work was charged - First heard bobo'lincoln sing.

SUNDAY, MAY 12th Dark, cloudy, chilly, melancholy weather. High E wind. Principally employed at writing, but enjoyed a few delicious moments reading The Emerald & Eccentric Biography. In the latter particularly noticed the Life of Miss Bellamy

who was born in 1733 - died 1788 - always unfortunate. Lydia went to to bed with the tooth-ache. Still continued lightly foddering our cows - grass grew slowly.

MONDAY, MAY 13th Rather unsettled weather - strong Southern breeze - not cold - cloudy - Rained in the evening.
Planted potatoes around the corn-field - ploughed there in the A.M.
153 P.M. S.H.Brown and myself furrowed the W. part of the corn-field, which is shaped like a triangle - the S. side bordered with rye. See V. 3 p When it rained at night, wished we had postponed furrowing and planted where we had already furrowed. Ever since the 18th of April our fears for want of hay were dismissed, &, although it was not our choice to part with any, uncle Sam Robinson, stating his necessity, being himself of a benevolent disposition, we let him have 200. Apple trees looked green.

TUESDAY, MAY 14th The earths surface and surrounding objects covered with snow, every tree had the appearance of being full of blossoms - the pendent icicle could be sought ought in many situations and the chilling blasts of January were literally experienced in this dreary land from the N.E. during the whole day. It is true that past ten in the morning the sun did soften the air, and take off the cold edge, but those northern gusts no one can deny,who was pierced by them, that they were of the keenest kind - Snow lay on the low-lands 'till late in the morning. Large fields in the neighborhood Manchester Mountain were white, as late as 11 or 12 o'clock - and the higher part of the mountain itself remained so through the day.

In the night which preceded this day there was a great rain which ere morning turned to snow.

Common garden plums in blossom - Worked at putting in rails to the posts of that wall. P. 136-145.
154 Cold as it was, Mother rode abroad. At night carried to Col Merrill 32 lb cheese - Did not receive the cash, but promises, which were to be performed as soon as the means were at command - Was doing probate business on account of many valuable estates, for which he had not been remunerated, but shortly expected to be. They appeared deeply engaged on the hill playing "Ball". Took newspapers and made for home.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th Cleared the ground about the new wall. (P.136) Mended fences in the former part of the day.
P.M. pushed into the woods to gdt poles to pole wall with,but finding we had none to spare and not suffering for want thereof trudged back - spent the remainder of the day planting corn. Sarah & I spent the evening at Mr P's - He & his lady came from Hoosack - Very cold morning - thick ice, ground frozen stiff - Toward evening it softened down more mild. Wind dry from the N. greatest part of the day.

THURSDAY, MAY 16th Dry,chilling N.E. winds continued - snowed on the mountains to the N. - Some flashes of warm Cloudy - Corn planting going on. P.M. assisted by S.H.Brown furrowed ground for planting potatoes next to the young orchard. At Mr Brown's when I called on young Sam to ride for me, found him engaged in writing a lease to Mr Dimmick. Opened the Bible where Mr B's marriage was recorded as taking place Aug't 3d 1794

155 FRIDAY, MAY 17th Clear, very cold until mid-day - Snow which was frozen on the trees on the highest peak of Glastenbury mountain remained until nearly, if not quite, noon. Other elevated mountains retained their white robes almost as late Strong, steady, N.E. wind 'till 2 P.M., when by degrees it grew warmer - Wind S.W. at eve. That field lying next to the young orchard is a triangle comprising rather more than 2½ acres, of which nearly half is gravelly on the N. side, planted with corn in the forenoon, while the S. part, being allotted for potatoes, was cross furrowed by me and S.H.Brown, who was compelled by cold to wear his loose coat, closely buttoned. P.M. began carrying into the field manure and potatoes - the former was laid over the latter as fast as they were dropped in the hill.

Jonathan Rogers arrived after dark at Mr Parsons'. Capt William Ovait died very suddenly this P.M. in Pownal.

SATURDAY, MAY 18th In the morning the ground was frozen, but a fine mild day followed, which seemed to revive srooping vegeatation - Proceeded in the way we began withnour potatoes and nearly compleated the job. Ploughed them in - Kooked them over afterwards with hoes. For the size of this field look above. Our corn-field N.W. of the house has two wings - the one S.W. of the other - lying along-side the old sheep pasture, not manured before planting - in triangular shape - Lower down to the N.E. is the other

156 in a square shape, Brown's line N. - meadow E. & S. contains about 2¼ acres, well manured, and with the field or wing adjoining makes a whole of not short of 4 acres. It should be remembered that the manure made use of to put on the potatoes, was made the last winter- - very strawy - Mr Severance brought his lady here this morning,very low in the consumption - mentioned her father's dying in New Hampshire - Aug't 1815 - My good friend J.Rogers came up and shook me by a polluted hand in an affectionate manner, this morning - Came up again in the evening - entertained us with usual wit & vivacity - See Sept. 1815. Mr P. accompanied him, but was full of his sort of fun. Cousin S. Robinson who had worked here since Thursday noon, went home this evening. Pears, peaches & cherries beginning to blossom.

SUNDAY, MAY 19th A heavy, humid S. wind blew all day. Flying clouds, pleasant. Father, Mother & Lydia went to church. Sarah & I about half past 1 P.M. made an excursion into the young orchard - Saw those grafts set May 4th., thought they looked well (P. 146) The fruit of the tree from which I originally took them, since dead, bore a rich red middle sized apple much esteemed for making pies - a good winter apple. The trees into which they were set, stznd the one rows N. & rows West - the other, 1 row N. of the barpway leading to the pasture S. 24 scions in the former - 4 in the latter.

157 Read the history of the Duchess of Kingston - an impudent, unfortunate, extravagant woman. Sam Foote disgraced himself by attem pting to extort from her 1600 Lb to save her character being exposed at "The Little Hay Market". He would have gained his prize had the friends of the Dutchess not interfered. Wrote as usual.
David Rottenbur eloped from E. Waters' to his father's.

MONDAY, MAY 20th Lowry but pleasant in effect,vegetation putting on a lively countenance, birds singing in a merry strain - who could help, if in health, being cheered at a time so gay

Finished planting. Now I shall attempt going into some particulars how we managed that business - that part of the cornfield described at the bottom of P. 155 and top of p. 156 was planted with corn rolled in plaster except about 1/3d - That portion lying W.(p. 155 near the bottom) was not manured but the corn rolled in plaister. (P.158-9) In like manner we proceeded with the gravelly ground - p. 155 May 17) which was manured no otherwise than by stacking on it the past winter. So. of this ground was situated our potato yard in which we planted 25 bushels English Whites, and, including 2 rows bordering the corn ground in the same field, 4 bushels Mammoths, & half a bush el of Ladies Fingers, in 3 short rows, E. end of the corn, making in the whole here 29½ bushels - then add what were planted around the cornfield, and we have a total of about 36 bushels. In the potato y'd, 8th & 9th rows from the E. side, Mammoth's, 1/2d of the dis - tance from the N. and were plaistered - so were those on the border around the corn - I mean the "Mammoth's" and Ladies Finger's".

158 Mr Brooks' late partner came down with a hat which father had received, p. 144, but finding it neither suited in size or quality, sent it back by Sam. Robinson Jun. He tried earnestly, but without effect, to have him take it again. Jacob Dubois, butcher, called to look at calves. Forgot to mention that Friday morning a tin-peddlar (with covered one horse wagon) from Burlington, Conn. named Fuller, bound home - departed hence.

TUESDAY, MAY 21st Really lovely weather - warm refreshing showers - a few claps of thunder. Birds sang most melodiously. As we were sicking pumpkin seeds, discovered that our corn had been in several instances scratched out by the turkies, which we were obliged to replant. P.M. carted 2 loads excellent manure, the best in the world for corn, collected at the sty and thrown on a number of hills in the most barren parts of the S.W. division of the corn-field. (P. 155) Turned the oxen to pasture, hay so near gone, that barely enough remained to swear by. Season more prosperous, but pastures extremely low.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22d Warm, cloudy, flourishing weather. Rained moderately A.M. & toward night. Planted in the gar den, beans, peas, squashes & potatoes. A small gate was erected,to the left of the ~~wall,~~ well, which displays much of my father's skil in architecture - An errand called me to friend Dimmick's - heard him relate a number of extraordinary exploits wrought by him at jump ing, wrestling, making cider &c &c &c. Leaped once as high as the top of his hat, -

159 wheeled short about - repeated the same. In the fall of 1810 at a Mill in his father's neighborhood, he & William Palmer made 128 bbls of cider in one week. During the conversation his lady remarked to me that her old man was a great Brag. Replied that I supposed it was as much ssatisfaction to him to tell of what he had done as he had taken pleasure in doing it. - All I could say, was that I could relate no jumping stories, no wrestling stories, no hopping stories, nor working stories. Our cattle plagued us - 2 two years old & 2 yearlings broke in upon us out of the woods pasture - The former, after hard running and otherwise a furious squabble were shut in the barn - and next morning poked.

Died, early this morning, Mr Anthony Haswell, aged 60 in April - Thirty three years since he & David Russell first established the "Vermont Gazette" here, of which most of the time through its various changes he was the able editor. He enengaged the friendship and esteem of all who knew him. His talents shone forth most conspicuously as an undeviating republican editor, nor was he less a poet, but

let me not presume to give the bzre out-lines of a character so pure, so amiable, so excellent. His name will be recorded among the most worthy, by writers the most able. He was a steadfast member of the Congregational Church in this place and a respected brother of the Masonic Society.

THURSDAY, MAY 23d Attended the funeral of Mr Haswell. According to his request he was buried in the Masonic Order. The band accompanied and performed handsomely. Mr Marsh's text may be found in Peter 1st Epistle Gen'l Chap. 7th., verse
160 His eandeavor appeared to be to show the difference between believers and unbelievers, the support which one received from Divine Revelation, while the other vainly looked to the delusive principles of Philosophy for final refuge. At the grave, a pithy, well composed address was pronounced by W.S.Cardall to the Fraternity. It went to point out the vanity of riches, empty titles, imaginary distinctions, the certainty of death, and the necessity of being prepared for it - handsomely eulogized the character of their departed brother - remarked that he was the eldest person in the Lodge of which he was a member. Every line of this address was fraught with instruction. Could not get near enough to see the ceremonies at the grave.

A considerable concourse of people assembled on the occasion, bt but it would have been much greater had it not rained all the morning and past 12. The procession having returned on to the hill no further ceremony was observed. Went to Merrill's office to see U.M. Robinson, he showed me his Journal, commenced April 1st.,among which found many pleasant things among which was a certain little Poem on a subject that I shall not name. Had some conversation with Col Merrill on the worth and excellence of Mr H. - It was melancholy N.E. chilly weather - Wet.

FRIDAY, MAY 24th Fair, damp, chilling breeze from the E. Washed sheep. We had about 40 Dimmick, who joined us, had upward of 30 of Brown's - Mr Caldwell 5 - who after washing them assisted us - Tnere were about 140 of Mr Jewett's at the place before us. It was at S. Safford's bridge - Waited awhile then built a yard
161 the opposite side of the road, river I would have said, and at it we went. - During that interval, visited a new building erected for a carding machinery standing the old grist mill formerly did.

In stepping down from a door at the S.W.corner to view a tub water-wheel, had the misfortune to fall broadside 3 or 4 feet, not much hurt - recovered myself, walked into the grist-mill - saw a joiner working in the upper apartment & Mr Safford regulating the millstones. Our sheep-washing was attended with trouble, the water never colder in the warm season, late rains had raised it - All the flocks got mix'd - 2 P.M. before all returned home. I returned alone past Capt Hill's - Spoke with B.H's ~~let~~ lady who was scouring a copper teakettle with three fine young puppies by her side, in front of the house, considerably in the road. Felt worn down after getting home. Late P.M. mended fences about the ox-pasture accompanied by father - Sam H. Brown came here to board while his father was absent in Connecticut - Sent him to get a horse shod at Davis'. Mother visited Mr Duncan's - T.C.Parsons' at Mr Eldred's, with his lady, Mrs Grimes, a poor Irish, widow woman came to see if we would take her little boy sbout 12 years of age - She staid all night. A person of good sense, affectionate to her children, - The relation of her misfortunes is really in several instances cutting to a person of feeling. Esther Street - here. Jonathan R. & T.C.P. spent the evening with us. Cherry blossoms out in full - peach a little past rhe meridian, those of the apple but lately opend. Pastures growing, but short & lean - no chees

made here yet - Ira Sears' note was taken gor 1 bbl cider at $2.00

162 SATURDAY, MAY 25th There commenced one of our coldest southeasters with rain mixed with hail - Rained hard P.M. & evening. Walked with J.Rogers in the Indian Field and other enclosures belonging to Brown, and woods W. of this , to find a colt which he proposed to break - caught her with no considerable trouble.Friend R. entertained me with several little anecdotes respecting himself & shop-mates at New Haven. An eaves-spout was put in the horse-stable and other affairs of that kind attended to. Wrote a few lines.

SUNDAY, MAY 26th Late heavy rains had filled the earth full of water. Except awhile in the morning, but little rain. Heavy, chilly E. wind. Wrote a letter to Rufus B.Stone - stating that on the 17th at night friend Rogers arrived here in health and high spirits - all things happily brought about to where they were 12 months ago - Jonathan cordially received - fared as well as at any tradesman's house whatever - thought it wise to have him come back - we were extremely glad to see him. Mentioned our health and that of Mr Parsons & family. - inserted compliments to this & that one as usual. Walked round the rocks in the sheep pasture with Sarah. Esther Street closed a very jumping visit with 'Damia. John Murphy paid us his usual respects.

MONDAY, MAY 27 Wet, gloomy, and unpleasant - Rained hard morning & night - other parts of the day misty rain. Mended fences N. or N.E. side of the young orchard. Sam H. Brown was cast away on the brook, navigating a tub. J.Rogers brought us the Farmer dressed in mourning.

163 TUESDAY, MAY 28 A fair morning - cloudy day - cold & rainy at night Neighbor Dimmick sheared for us 41 head of sheep in little more than half a day,at an ounce of wool per head. Our number should have been 43 or 44. Worked on the Road N. of Parsons' Employed Mr Bliss; Parsons in company - King, one of his Jours came along - talked with him a good while - not me but Parsons; But perhaps I have nothing to boast the better. Women scolded because they had no sand to clean house with.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29th Saw sold ice in a sap-trough this morning - Surface of the ground in plow-fields stiff with frost. My father, just after sunrise, very opportunely arrested a fox as it was carrying off a hen-turkey which it voraciously seized almost under his nose & within a few yards of the house. I was mistaken in putting down Mr D. & sheep shearing - 28th - sheared Mr B's 29th sheared ours as stated above, except one less in No. which he sheared with Mr Browns'. Again on the road - Mr Bliss again employed Worked S. of Parsons'. Had cart, oxen & plow both days. Mr B. shewed me the Lansingburgh Gazette which gave an account of an English Colony founded 1789 by some mutineers of the B.Ship Bounty,discovered in the neighborhood of Oteheite, in 1800. Took young cattle out of road, leaving a couple of yearlings - Pastures extremely barren for the season. S.H.Brown procured in company with Harry Parsons a quantity of sand at Mr House's - Samuel House very sick.

THURSDAY,MAY 30th Ice again this morning - Wind W. - Apple trees since the 24th had blossomed by succession in a singular manner

164. Many of them were now just in their prime. The peach retained an unu sual length of time. Trees, growing on the upper part of the West Mountain, were but slightly and partially leaved out. Not a few feields or ruined or half-ruined whaeat - Spring grain doing tolerably well. Grass sort, but thick-set where not killed. Pastures, because winter-killed & early fed, poor. The increase of our stock this year came late except in two cases, which occurred in the winter. 2 other calves which came on the 1st & 2nd inst were, with the former, to be reared - The remainder to be butcher's meat - Had but a single lamb among 40 sheep. Mr Bliss this morning butchered a calf. He affronted me by insisting so much on having his will about a certain bargain, but have it he would. Carried a bbl of cider to E.Waters. Ploughed Mr B's garden; brought off C.House hill, an empty cider bbl of D.Clark and a paper to Mr B. in which they said was inserted his daughter Emily's marriage to a Mr Hodge. S.H.Brown was sent to bring stray sheep from Jewett's, found none of ours and I think but one of his father's. Putting in Mrs P's horse with one of ours, rode rode in company with him and S.H.B. to carry up Clark's cider which we saw safely deposited in his cellar. Large gang on the hill in front of Fassett8s. Went to see Mr Merrill to ask him about cash; had none, thought it unlawful to ask for any, but wanted a bbl of cider brought to him Saturday, would then pay me some money - talked with him and cousin Uel about books, reading &c. The latter said I grew more parsimonius since being married. Henry Robinson arrived with his lady and furniture. Parsons took his horse to Dimmink's to pasture. Our work was on the lane this day, but did employ more than 2/3d of it. Mr West came to Parsons'.

165 FRIDAY, MAY 31st Sundry remarks made (P.164) respecting fruit, grain,pàstures and stock were inadvertently written under the 30th. We find ourselves ready to take leave of what was formerly considered here as embracing the pleasantest, or a considerable part of the pleasabtest, season of the year, but so inverted has been the operation of the weather, that the hindrance of vegetation in its progress could not be less than 2 weeks or more - a period far behind what could have been expected on the 1st inst. (P.144), and which combined with the rains & almost unparalelled cold snaps so frequently experienced, rendered it one of the most unpleasant. Stuck pumpkin-seeds, looked crow's nest, but it was too late for that, the leaves being out so large, set traps for crows - Cleansed the house drain, took off several wheel-barrow loads.

P.M. father, whose health rather failed, him that day,went to Jewett's to seek lost sheep - found none. We had a warm walk on the mountain to gather our flock for marking and driving. Found them after dark intermixed with a few of Mr Brown's. Heman Robinson callhere at noon, or say 1 o'clock going to mend fence around his father's pasture W. of this. Mother rode with Mrs Parsons to the Cotton Factory which had stopped. S.H.Brown came home at night highly delighted with a quantity of ammunition which his cousin J.E. Hinman gave him ; had a high expectation in the crow line. Before this he anticipated great pleasure in going to drive sheep to Wilmington, but now, he would have been glad to be excused - So fleeting are our views of happiness. Who can tell today, what may please him tomorrow? This question aims at mankind in mass. Very warm growing time this day.

166 SATURDAY,JUNE 1st Warm favorable weather - Smoky. Friend Dimmick assisted about parting Brown's from our flock - our vigilance could not prevent one mistake. A single sheep of Mr B's was marked and driven with ours to Wilmington, which made the

number 35. My father accompanied by S.H.Brown went on this mission. Having assisted them on the road to Dr Swift's - returned by way of Parsons'; borrowed Mr West's horses to drive to town. Friend Dimmick was present who with Mr W. related marvelous accounts of contests they had witnessed in single combat. Met Mr Parsons in the little meadow who saluted me with quite a different conversation which touched a more tender subject. At home fed crows,let out a pair of calves from the barn into the orchard - Worked in the garden - wheeled several wheel-barrow loads of tan bark which was strewn in the long alley - Racked off a bbl of cider; went some distance to get W's horses; 'Damia watered the young cattle; set a crow-trap; drove to town with the cider and sold it to Orsamus C.Merrill for $2. - paid me that and 3 more due for cheese - asked 25" transportation for the cider - 20" due for cheese - left in my favor 45". (See p. 154) Friend Jonathan with his usual goodness of temper walked with me when I turned Mr W's horses into the pasture S. of the Fay meadow.

Samuel, youngest son of Mr Joseph & late Mrs Lydia House departed this life, after an acute & very short illness, in the 10th year of his age. Possessed a fine understanding & his gentle mien, inoffensive manners, & manly behaviour, endeared him to all.

167 SUNDAY, JUNE 2d Cool in the morning - intervals of heat during the day - N. chilly wind - Watched crows; Read Zimmerman on "National Pride"; Wrote; looked after cattle - Sarah accompanying - Samuel House was buried.

MONDAY, JUNE 3d Fine,clear day - cool dry N. wind. Mr Parsons mentioned to me that the Commissioners on the estate of Moses Atwood,met for the last time this day - made out an account of 70 dollars, which, as soon as he had settled with Mr Salsbury, I went down with him to present. It consisted of 20 bbls of cider, delivered Oct. 12th.,1815 - cash $40 paid the Executor,Sam'l Atwood, May 7th., 1816. When the Comm's had finished a little business with capt S.Squire - came forward with my bill, which having learned its contents, Mr A. refused allowing the first item unless sworn to, saying he knew of a contract between his deceased brother and my father by which it would appear that he had already received pay for it. He appeared to be ruffled. I was confounded. But at the final end of the business we found there was a misconception all round. He thought it strange that father did not attend in person, at first, but being informed how it happened, said he would take no advantage of his absence. As my father, when he hired money of Mr M. Atwood agreed to give large interest, say 12 & a few days previous to his death got it reduced to 10 per cent, Mr S.A. supposed that an agreement was made by which so much cider was to be paid for interest, which however was never made, though in fact understood so This supposed a

168 greement was the hold which Mr A.thought he had on my father. I became all anxiety - Mr A. had used some threats - I feared if father should be hindered in crossing the mountain so as not to be here in time to attend before the Commissioners, it might cause him serious trouble,and being desirous to know whether there was not an honorable way to get rid of paying extra interest, or whether by law he could injure us if we refused giving it, immediately went (after waiting some for Parsons, whom I left settling) home, thence to Mrs Brown's - asked his advise, but he could not satisfy me - next to Judge Robinson, who was the backside of his house. Stated the business to him - he replied if he were in my father's place, he would come forward and confess the engagement respecting the interest,would declare himself willing to pay the debt and lawful interest, but

would plead that the agreement to give more than lawful interest was an unlawful agreement. Saw James James K.Hicks ready to start in the Stage for Wilmington & Brattleb'o, told him if he saw father, to inform him of the business & hasten his return. Visited printing office & post office & O.C. Merrill's. U.M.Robinson walked with me to Pliny Dewey's brook - talked with him about the Atwood affair and J.Rogers' return to Parsons - 3 P.M. my father arrived with young Brown - borrowed $50 of Mr Brown, took me with him to Atwood & after some conversation together aside, Mr A. agreed, as he had said before the Commissioners to exact but half of the over interest, which was acquiesced in - and father would have taken up the $100 note if it had not been left at Squire Smith's. Aaron Robinson, Mr W.G. Senior & others came in while we were there. Rufus Barney, Eph'm Smith & Jno Norton, Commissioners.

169 Erected a terrific scare-crow - Decoration by Sarah.

Tuesday, June 4th Having received assistance throughout from Sarah in preparation - accompanied by J.Rogers - early appeared at McEowen's for training - Little stirring. Went to Judge Fay's - Judge F. attending his harvest at Manchester. Obliged Miss Wit by bringing in a pail of water - She said I must pay in playing the flute, which was done. Young S. Dewey was there at work. As Ormsby and I were leaving the house they, or rather Mrs F. invited me to come with him and dine - Consented.

About 11, having wearied the men standing idle, our company paraded, in general pretty decently equipped - the officer having brought forward a bunch of belts and cartouch boxes which were distributed with the State arms among these not able to provide or those who had not procured arms & accoutrements. Marched onto the hill & counter marched. Dismissed half an hour on account of rain. Went to Judge F's - read some - fiddled - Miss W. sat & heard - Rain being over, which was light accompanied by thunder, grew uneasy lest the men paraded - Ran down to see. Found them dispersed. Returned, and dined as they had invited - it was pot pie made of veal - Committed some slight irregularities. Friend E.Fay,Junr dined likewise - Now hastened to the parade - Company under arms - proceeded with roll-call & mustering, during which the Matrosses constantly performed various evolutions ( ) music playing and wind pressing hard from the S.E. very much interrupted our officers. This ovdr, marched to lawyer Squier's wheeled to the left towards Strongs' - Left again, marched to

170 M.D.Robinson's store - Left again; thence to C.Wrights, wheeled to the left and then to the right, down the Meeting house hill and ultimately into Algiers - Halted on the Favtory green, where a heavy treat was dealt out. Marched back to Capt Hills' and dismissed. Friend S.H.Blackmer came on with his gun in the morning fully equipped, but at the solicitation of the capt'n took the lead among our young musicians who performed well. Stopped at Mr Brown's - slept during a short shower. Friend Jonathan came home after I did - related what fighting had occurred after the company was dismissed. Cloudy - Wind S. - unpleasant.

WEDNESDAY,JUNE 5 Mr Samuel Atwood came up this morning to receive pay & deliver up a $100 note given his brother, May 27 1814. We first reckonned interest on 30 dollars paid in cider, Oct. 12, 1815 - $1.50, which was substracted from the interest on $100 for 2 years at 8 per-cent, leaving $14.50 " which added to the sum in the note made $114.50 - then substracting cash $40 paid May 6th ($30 in cider included) 70 D's, left a balance of $44.50 which was paid in paper and the note redeem'd.

Mended fence S. side of the young orchard till noon when there

was a hard shower, previous to which it was very warm - thundered. P.M. a leach was set up and an ancient building of 33 years standing was safely removed - vault filled, partly turfed - Rainy at night. Mr Parsons & lady rode to Hoosack 4 Corners & returned - bought factory cloth for Lydia a gown. Told a wonderful story about a barrel of human bones the doctors had dug up.

171 THURSDAY, JUNE 6th It had rained much during the night and this morning the wind blew exceedingly high from NE raining copiously, chilling and sharp gusts. About 8 A.M. began to snow - continued more or less till past 2 P.M. The heads of all the mountains on every side were crowned with snow - The most gloomy and extraordinary weather ever seen. Weighed wool - counted fleeces which amounted to 38 of our own, one stray - Missed 5 or six which were absent on the sheep's backs - weighed about lb 122. P,M. my father went sheep hunting, West end of the town, no success.

Backwardness of the season never greater. Butternut leaves would not hide the limbs or boughs, nor but slightly shade the ground A note for 50 D's in favor of Samuel Brown - on demand, with interest, was signed by Benj'n Harwood - Witnessed by H. Harwood. P. 168. Michael Grimes came to live here on trial.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7th In ploughfields and other parts, the surface of the ground was stiff with frost - the leaves of trees were blackened - past 6 in the morning a wash-tub full of rain water was scum'd with ice - Snow remained on Sandgate and Manchester Mountain past noon or as late as that. Wind extremely high night & day and the cold abated but little in the P.M. Father & Mr Brown rode till noon hunting sheep - mended fences with great coat and & mittens on - N. side wheat field & other parts. That continued P.M. with my father. Sam Robinson Jun returned here at night. (P.156) Mr Parsons here till 11 at night. Thursday, June 6th PM Dr Swift brought Michael Grimes here to live - in the 12th year of his age.

172 SATURDAY, JUNE 8th The awful scene continued. Sweeping blasts from the North all the forepart of the day, with slight snowsqualls. More clear P.M. - no snow - wind not so high - but held cold. Were principally engaged at digging stone. So cold in the morning that we were absolutely compelled to send for our mittens and wear them till near mid-day. P.M. father went to cousin Stephen's. Cousin Sam & I left digging stone, which was in the sheep pasture, towards night, to weed garden, but were actually frozen out.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9th Frosty morning, perfectly clear all day, dry, chilly N. wind. Enjoyed peace and satisfaction reading Zimmerman, & writing. U.M. Robinson called & accompanied our folks to conference at Capt Norton's. Capt N. entertained his brother from Bloomfield, N.Y. - a Christian.

MONDAY, JUNE 10th Another frost, cold day indeed, obliged to thrash our hands while hoeing. Corn, which had been up a few days, badly killed - difficult to see it - quitted it for the garden towards night on that account. Three of our sheep were found in the E. part of the town - 2 of them sheared, fleeces recovered, the other sheared at home, making our wool amount to about 129 lbs. Gloomy weather.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 11th Frosty morning, but fine day. Began building wall N.E. part of the sheep pasture on the N. lin line. Cousin Sam bruised his finger - Michael was good. Sam Batt was there a gazer - had a horse to go to mill.

173 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 Warm, & smoky - variable winds - signs of rain. Business the same. Apple-tree blossoms were observed scattered among the boughs, some in embryo, others open. A tin pedlar from Lenox, Ms., going home, left here this morning. Did not learn his name - See p. 158.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13th Hazy - wind S. A little rainy P.M. The same work. Jack Brown, a man of colour, having been absent six years, came to see us. Mr Brown reared him from a youth, to whom, while he remained, with him, he was always faithful. Had resided in Stephentown among worthy people. Friend Jonathan shewed me a good letter from his friend Asahel Booth in Wilmington, dated on the 6th inst. Dr Swift removed his cow house.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14th Pretty warm - Wind S. # P.M. arose a heavy thun der shower, followed by a great rain in the night Cousin Sam. attended at Dr Swifts' miving Bee. They had ill success. Finished our wall for the present - Stretched it about 15 rods - 3½ feet high, rough - a rail laid on and another rail staked above that. Mr P. looked for his cow - and in a low and most ungenerous, unbecoming, disobliging way, took a neighbor's lame colt, without asking, or in any manner obtaining his consent, which had been denied before, and rode it several miles, not having even the plea of necessity in his favor for so doing.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 Calm, but moderately cool - flying clouds - Wind inclining E. A company-turnip yard was ploughed on Mr Brown's farm - Mr Dimmick and team assisting - rails drawn to fence it - Rails obtained where we built wall distributed on the line fences. P.M. all hands at Dr Swifts drawing, which was performed on rollers - slow, expensive method - oxen are better; Placed the barn on the spot before sunset. Procured papers at Clark's - Heard Judge F. fiddle, borrowed the instrument for Jack B. who staid late. Played dryly.

174 SUNDAY, JUNE 16th Cloudy, not cold - Read newspapers - Wrote a letter to Gidenn Smedley. Began by mentioning my wish to have written him a good while since. Preferred private, conveyance to the mail, but if I made him cost, he must retaliate which was not to be feared unless he wrote more than he had hitherto - Went on to say we were all in good health, that Jonathan had returned in health - were rejoiced to see him - His return had obliterated all former misunderstanding &c; that R. & S. lived in good neighborhood; wrote in praise of the former as a neighbor. Explained respecting a work-pocket - Send thanks from Sarah to Mrs S. for a whimsical present; which the former promised to remit in kind - Sent respects from all quarters of the house, to both young & old, Solicited a visit.

Mr Brown & Mr Dimmick rendered us a kindness which I am not at liberty to write down. Farriers are often beneficial.

MONDAY, JUNE 17th Cloudy - Moderate breeze from S.E. - Rainy A.M. Hoed corn. Walked to town with Isaac Downs - returned Judge F's violin, carried 8 lbs butter to Lyman Patchin, bought half yard green bonnet silk for 'Damia Jun.; went to the print ing office - Gazette not out - Fluted with Friend Blackmer at Cush-

man's. Returning home sent Isaac into E.Waters' to borrow H.Waters fife - all a-bed - Called at Mr Dimmick's - Heard Mr Brown sing a song about Man & Wife mutually complaining about one another. Borrowed Mr B's flute & came home. Mr Elihu Fuller drew a ~~swell~~ SMALL taylor shop from Wm Haswell's, formerly Roaches', to Buckley Squi res' alias Stephen House's.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18th Rained slowly A.M. P.M. settled down steady from S.E. Former part of the day - hoed, but in the latter part, only set cabbage plants. Received the V.Gazette by cousin Sam. who went home to get plants.

175 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 Warm weather - heavy thunder P.M. N. of this. Slight but sudden shower here a little before night. Planted potatoes in the garden,hoed others at the same time Pursued hoeing. A female swine valued at $15 was lost outright. Mrs Parsons & Mrs Dimmick visited here this P.M. There was a tree which stands N.W. of the house,that still had blossoms on it.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20th Clear cool day. Continued hoeing. An explanation on certain points took place between two neighbors,but it was not so full as could have been wished - Nothing however was retained in malice - where peace is the object a settlement is easily made. (See p. 177) The letter written on Sunday was sent to the Post Office by S.H.Brown. Miss Melissa Street and Mrs Waters paid a visit here this day. Mr B's flute went well this evening in the S. room.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21st Fine warm weather. Finished 1st hoeing. Michael went a-fishing. The garden was hoed out. Wrote an Order in the field on L.Patchin for 1 dollar in goods to be paid to T.Palmer. A young child of Mr Severance's was buried. Butternut trees were not yet in full leaf. Upper parts of the mountains looked barren in consequence of the late cold & frost

SATURDAY, JUNE 22d Very warm, some smoky. Assisted Mr Dimmick to finish hoeing his corn which hard & tough. Isaac Downs made worse work than I did about keeping up. M,Grimes went to Mr Burt's. Dr Swift raised a barn - cousin Sam, nor I, did not attend - Hancy Taylor came from Waterford on a visit - arrived Friday night. Uncle Sam & Aunt Sarah paid us a visit & took away an old chest drawers.

176 Heard most excellent music from the Band. Obtained the "Boston Yankee" - Brought home a hat for father from Brooks & Clarks. Marched down the hill with the band. Borrowed & played all the way home on H.Waters' fife - Extremely warm night. Cousin H.T.gloomy. S.Robinson Jun brought a letter from the Post O. from James Waterman dated early this month which mentioned a visit from Uncle Jonas - that they wished to receive wool for the old side-saddle (p.149)- that they were in health intending to go to Butternuts soon and aunt Lucy would come here in August or September. My father this morning wishing to ride to cousin Stephens' and to do other business sent me to borrow Mr Brown's one horse waggon. Mr B. said it was what he could not lend - he had refused it to every one - if he lent it to <u>one</u> he must to <u>another</u> - he however told me where the waggon <u>was</u> - that, if my father took it, he took it upon his peril. This was plainly understood & acted upon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23d Very warm. Read through Zimmerman, "National Pride". Read sketch of the Revolutionary War

in Bigland - Late P.M. walked to see the winter wheat, Sarah & Lydia in company - Stopped by the way to see little Keeper tug at a wood-chuck's hole, which was amusing enough, The wheat spared by winter looked flourishing. Our walk extended around through the S.W. pasture, ox-pasture & young orchard - Lydia came down be back of the ox-pasture & orchard - Found Mr Parsons reading this Journal. M. Grimes returned from Burt's after sun-down. Straw-berries began to ripen, not plenty.

177 MONDAY, JUNE 24th Continued from p. 117 Town Meeting - On the 27th of March agreeable to law & practice the freeholders & other inhabitants of lawful age of Bennington met at the Court House in town meeting. It was opened by Aaron Robson, the Clerk, in a very candid, cool & temperate manner. A dispute, however, immediately arose, about the mode of choosing the Moderator - The Federalists contending that the uniform practice for many years had been to go round (which it should be observed was not correct). The Democrats as vehemently denied the assertion, calling for ballot, while others said the former methd ought to be adopted. A dispute on this head amounts to nothing, for it is provided by law that if a motion is made & 2nd'ed for voting by ballot for certain town officers, the Meeting can do no less than abide by it. The exact manner in which this affair was put to rest is not recollected, but, immediately upon that, the Clerk was asked to state upon what principles voters would be admitted. This enquiry was met by a fair, clear, & precise expla nation, satisfactory to all. But scarcely had the Clerk opened his box and reciceived some half dozzen ballots for Moderator, when a young man who offered his ballot was challenged by the dem ocrats. Our Clerk would dewide this man's case himself without examination, saying there was not a doubt in the question; but the democrats were for setting aside all challenged voters for further investigation. This brought on a dispute which was carried to a disgraceful fight - making the meeting a perfect mob - "Mr Clerk" - "Mr Moderator" - resounded from all quarters of the house. Curiosity drew a deep throng of actors & spectators about the Bar where

178 the Clerk stood, which put it about the power of others to know much of what was going on. In the very zenith of the quarrel Capt Hicks' flatly charged the clerk with lying, soon after which the uproar was gradually hushed for a short time, the point being yielded to set aside doubtful characters for further discussion.

This heat was generated by equality of numbers in the parties and a spirit of intrigue and overbearing ambition which pervaded federal ranks, that day, which called forth all the energy of the democrats to repel. As might be imagined full scope was given to every tongue. When it came to be decided who among the challenged persons should be admitted or rejected, the clerk openly violated those rules which he had so lately laid down. I could never procure the particulars of but two or three cases - and those not in writing. Lathrop Elwell, the first challenged, properly belonged to Shaftsbury - had hired out for the season previously to the meeting, other circumstances, perhaps more against him were proved, but which I do not recollect; Was admitted. Lorenzo Fassett democrat - was here at listing time, 1815, or if not, gave in his List, paid taxes here, made it his home at Capt Hill's, but had worked in Adams, Mass. Rejected. Hiram Harwood 2d - Soldier in the U.S.Army, because he did not reach home in time to give in his List, after his discharge, although a soldier of the State never loses his citizenship while in the service of the U.S., which obliges him

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to pay taxes, (and H. was two-folded in 1815) yet was he rejected. Jones, another soldier, or one who had been a soldier, on grounds which I am informed were very unten was admitted - Had more instances been particularly noted down or recollected they should have been recorded; but these will sufficiently shew to what extent partiality prevailed. Our brave

179 champions or leaders who took it upon them to defend their respective parties exerted themselves as much, and were as disorderly except (not) giving one-another the lie, as in the first affray.

Moses Robinson Esquire appeared to be chief speaker on the federal side, but was amply assisted by several of his brethren. There appeared among the democrats a more extensive diffusion of declamatory abilities, which figured upon the carpet - gen David Robinson, D. Robinson Jun, J. Hicks, M.L.Selden & others. Having gone through for Moderator - Noadiah Swift was elected by a jority of 28 or 30 over Sam'l Fay, the democratic candidate. Mr Marsh made a concise prayer, followed by a few observations with a view to allay party feeling, & then withdrew. But to what purpose. He, had not descended to the bottom of the stairs, before the whole house was a perfect bedlam - the Moderator treading with a sure and determined step in the path marked out by his predecessor and those who thought themselves better judges than he, how to manage the bold contest, decided in a more aggravating style than Robinson. Some were of the opinion that he understood much less of the principles upon which voters are admitted than the latter. However, Aaron Robinson being elected Clerk in opposition to Saxon Pickett, demo., by 28 majority, wrangling was dropped 'till dark when the First Constable was to be chosen. Gen'l Robinson made a few remarks and moved to adjourn - succeeding this, a most clamorous opposition was set up by the federalists, not even having republicanism enough left to consent to the question's being tried. At last the Moderator assumed independence sufficient to enable him to put the question, which was lost by a large majority - the federalists in their exultation indulging themselves in the most disorderly and savage bellowing & huzzaing, ever witnessed in a deliberative assembly. They were now left to themselves.

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1st	Daniel McEowen	Mid. Town	Asa Hyde
2nd	Abishai Kinsley	W.	
3d	David Henry	N.W.	Lucius H Gibbs
4th	Sam'l Blackmer	N.E.	Green Blackmer
5th	Roger Booth	E.	Eben'r Chase

List of Democratic Cabdidates.

Mid. T.	Charles Cushman	Mid. T.	Wm Haswell
W.	Elijah Fillmore	W.	Enos Rudd
N.W.	Stephen Hinsdill	N.W.	Ansel Hayes
Do	Thomas Colvin	N.	Perez Harwood
E.	Giles Olin	E.	Thom's Wilder
	Constables.	Dem. Candidates for Constables.	
1st	Stebbins Walbridge	Dam'l Lacy for First	
2nd	Erastus Severance	Uriah Edgerton, for 2d	
	Treasurer.	Dem. Candidate.	
Solomon Safford		David Fay.	

The above named officers having been chosen it is understood the Meeting was adjourned to Saturday, 1 o'clock, P.M.

It was said by the federalists that the democrats , it was said by the democrats that the federalists stooped to the exercise of means the most foul to carry the election, the most powerful of which was the "drum""Dram" often and faithfully administered.

One thing is certain, they attempted to browbeat their oppo-

nents and were but too successful, finding at the same time a spir it in the latter not easily crushed nor ever to be subdued.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th Adjourned T'n Meeting came on. Lost the minutes of the proceedings. No party struggles - agreed pretty w well about voting taxes - Moderator spoke upon the high key - the business came left-handed to him - Much greater physician than Moderator.

181 MONDAY, JUNE 24th Began plowing for wheat in the SW pasture E of
Brought over. what is commonly called "The sugar place". My father and cousin Samuel attended to other concerns, ashing a little corn, digging stones, &c. Very Warm A.M. - More air stirring P.M. Rain & thunder at a distance. Small quantity here.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25th Rained two-thirds of the day coldly from the NE or E. Entered the field, yoked and harnessed the team, but let them loose without moving them. Late P.M. plough ed a good piece. My father & cousin Sam dressed out the garden and arranged other affairs at the other house. Mr Brown having gone to Charlotte, his son Sam'l H. came here to board 'till his return - Friend S.H. & I this evening read Astronomy together.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26th Mild agreeable weather. Business moved tolerably well. Felt some fatigued and fretted after ploughing all day; but in the evening perused Bigland respect ing Greenland & New Britian. My father and cousin Sam were employed digging stone. Sam H. Brown commenced going to school to Mr Martin, Algiers.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 Rainy from 9 or 10 A.M. 'till past noon or thereabouts. P.M. wind blew damp & heavy from the S. Altered the method of plowing - exchanged our oxen with Dr Swift for his old mare a day or two - harnessing three horses, which performed handsomely, but were hindered about 3 hours by rain - effected a good half day's work - Cousin S. & Michael endeavored to pursue digging stone A.M. - P.M. the former continued it but the latter ground bark at Parsons'.

182 In the evening read Cobbett's Introductory Address to his paper published in N. York. Princess Charlotte was married May 2d.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28th Had rained hard in the night, did not cease ~~Til~~ 'till after sun-rise, flying clouds & cool weather followed. My father & I continued plowing. Cousin S. and Michael digging stone. Dr S. returned the oxen at night.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29" Clear and quite cool. Trees growing on the mountains at a certain elevation continued to wear that sickly countenance fixed on them by the extraordinary cold wind and cutting frost of the 6th & 7th - Cousin Sam & friend Dimmick went to Woodford fishing - had tolerable success - Cousin S fell, and hurt him. We followed our daily employ, with 3 horses, making such exchange with neighbor Dimmick as had been made with Dr S. getting the service of a very good sorrel mare in the bargain. Cousin St Harwood came over at noon to examine the cider-press - repaired the cart tongue. Friend Jonathan tried the colt in Parsons' one-horse wagon, where she behaved decently.

Mrs Elizabeth Jewett, consort of the unfortunate Loan Jewett, daughter of Ephraim Smith Esquire died of a consumption with She and several others of my acquaintance, who are now no more, were my school-fellows at an early day. Heard the Band play from Algiers - Cousin S., Lydia, 'Damia, Catherine went to the road to hear - Damp chilly night air.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30th Clear and cold, Wind N.W. - went with Sarah Damia straw-berrying in old Mr Green's tanbrook meadow - Mrs Jewett was buried - Much & extraordinary cold weather, early part of this month - some plesant days - season backward - corn small.

183 MONDAY, JULY 1st Clear, good weather. Engaged in the plowing ~~lin~~ line - had a keen leg-ache - Cousin Sam & Michael began 2d hoeing.

TUESDAY, JULY 2nd Fair warm day, we finished plowing nine acres green-sward. P.M. went to hoeing. Mother, hearing that Elder Rathbone was at Capt Dewey's, marfhed there on foot to see him, he being acquainted with Mrs Stone her sister of Scipio - and to hear him in the pulpit in the P.M. She could not be persuaded to wait 'till noon for her old mare, when she could have ridden so commodiously, disbelieving all we said - However she had a pleasing interview with the pious Elder, besides hearing him preach.

I had to scratch a line by him to my aunt which was short and unimportant, merely stating our comfortable health - my mother's walk - Mrs Duncan (her eldest daughter) making a visit & smoking a long pipe with mother talking of their anxiety to see her (Mrs S.). Some few deaths, &c.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3d Tolerably warm until sometime in the P.M. when there was a slight shower of rain, after which it was chilly. Visited C.House Hill in the morning. Saw Lem Champney about Cushman's, who said his time was expired at Hervey's, wished to know if we wished to hire; replied that we should in Haying. Pursued hoeing. Corn unusually small. - apples ~~so~~ too - not larger than walnuts - Lydia & Sarah got wet returning from strwberrying.

THURSDAY, JULY 4th Flying clouds, high cold N.W. wind - Finished hoeing, 2d time. No celebration in Bennington, but in Pownal both parties severally met and enjoyed the festive board - Some few went down to assist from this place - Artillery roared from all quarters - Capt Asa Hyde led his Art'y Comp'y to the choice of a capt & other officers.

184 FRIDAY, JULY 5th Cold, high S. wind. cloudy, signs of rain. All hands hoed for neighbor Dimmick - most of his corn low & mean - was hurried over pretty fast - I followed Parsons' horse & the plow snugly through the day. Mr West called upon us in good humour.

SATURDAY, JULY 6th Clear with flying clouds 'till P.M. when it became cloudy - Sprinkled a little rain early in the evening - very cold all day. Felt unwell during the A.M. by reason of the preceding day's work, but recovered in the P.M. Cousin S. & I pulled rye from among wheat intended for seed. P.M. mowed Canada thistles - Made an easy day of it . My father, taking S.H. Brown with him, went to mill, and took a load of paint from the ochre

bank to carry to the River for H.C.Hull. Mrs Champney lost her little Sally a short time this P.M. but was happily restored to her again without more serious consequences arising than a hearty panic and the rallying of a few neighbors. Mr Brown arriv'd fr'm Charlotte - Uncle Sam Robinson came here this evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 7th High,cold N.W. wind, clear. Having duly prepared for keeping Sabbath, walked abroad with Sarah Wore pantaloons & barrel-boots - the former were rolled up, not reaching down to the tops of the latter. Sarah in vain entreated, begged & pleaded with me all the way from the house to the young orchard, to roll them down smooth, but I would not, - She got my book from me, promising to deliver it back if I would comply with her request. I was anxious to obtain the book but would not recede from my resolution - made a pretence of going home unless the book was given up - Seeing me in this mood she put ~~in~~ on
185 or rather left it on the fence, for me, while she retired into the orchard to get birch-bark to chew. Red Bigland's View of American History untol Sarah's return, after which our walk was continued to Mr Brown's Fay meadow, in the S.W. psrt, where strawberries were ~~ple~~ plenty - Read Bigland on English History - I P.M. returned to the house - Busy remainder of the day, writing, & reading history. Cousin Sam, Lyd & 'Damia ascended the mountain.

MONDAY, JULY 8th Mr West took my father's load of paint to carry to market on the morrow, having the pay himself, the waggon gratis for doing business for him at Lansingburgh - Sent an order and or made one out this evening, by him to Cook & Squires of that place - instructed him to get a grindstone. Walling, this day, in that place mentioned p.173 Neighbor Dimmick assisted. Michael drove plow for Isaac Downs in D's service. John Murphy spent part of the P.M. here. Mr B. fluted, in the ev'g.
Cold, flying clouds - Dry, gloomy weather.

TUESDAW, JULY 9th Mr West & Mr Parsons sat off early for Troy. Mr Brown butchered a calf which weighed between 90 & 100 lbs. With the assistance of friend Dimmick, who was obliged to drive old Mr Green's cattle home out of his corn-field, 8 rods of wall was built. - had out 2 boats. Felt fatigued & ill mumored at night. Made out the list which may be seen in the Farm Register, p. Cold, high, N.W. wind.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10" Fine Summer's day. Brought a small quantity of rolls from Capt Hill's this morning. Came near completing our wall, Dim'k
186 lending a hand. Isaac D. & Michael were added to our force. Neighbor Wilcox came to get a bbl of cider. Mr Brown being present had the goodness to volunteer his service at drawing it which left father in his business. A Mr Green exercised in a moving manner with St Anthony's Dance, dropped in here this P.M. with the intention to tarry the night ; but the ladies not relishing his appearance, would have gladly dispensed with his company. Mr Brown used every argument he could invent to get him away, but was totally vanquished. When we came in, Mr B. was still urging him - I & others then began with ~~hi~~ him - <u>at first</u> mildly, but at length we pressed him too hard. On my intimating that we did not wish to entertain him - he answered we <u>ought to</u>. I asked him why, if he was unable to provide for himself, he did not receive aid from the town where his residence was. He replied that he could do better. I bade him if that was his ~~pri~~ principle - if he could do better, he might depart soon from this

house - which he did in a great rage - laying hold of the fences along side of the lane as he was going out to the main road, appear ing disposed to tear them down. The next morning a pair of bars was found down, supposed to be done by him. Henry, eldest son of Aaron Robinson, lay very sick of a fever.

THURSDAY, JULY 11 Wind S. most of the day, cloudy, but clear at night. Dry. 40 rods of the fence commenced p. 173 was completed - ending at the N.W. corner of the farm. Dimmick with us 'till noon. Michael driving team for him A.M. - At Burt's P.M. Read Bigland morn & night. Wido' Palmer & Mrs Ellis Doty tarried here at night.

187 FRIDAY, JULY 12th Warm - Smoky wind, S. Hoed potatoes 2d time.- corn the 3d - though the latter was not finished S.H.Brown rode horse for me a little in the morning - Isaac Downs here & Michael at Dimmick's. We talked of having Mr Doty's one hors waggon this morning before he departed for home. Mrs P. rode home.

SATURDAY, JULY 13" A warm, but damp penetrating breeze from S.E. - Rain expected. Finished hoeing such of our corn as appeared worthy the expence. The W. division of the N. field had half of its growth of corn, which suffered by cold, want of manure & worms, omitted. Corn never offered less encouragement, being greatly under size, but still it wore, in many parts , a good counte nance. We had Isaac D. & Dimmick had Michael and our oxen Friday as well as Saturday. Finished his plowing. Sam. & I washed ourselves where the old forge pond once was. We were accompanied by music of our own manufacture. Received a letter from E.A.Fay, Portland, N.Y. Good. This letter was bro't by Mr Jay Walbridge, as I was informed. Superscribed - "Hiram Harwood, Esq'r".

Portland,July 1st 1816

Friend Hiram & Co.

This acknowledges the receipt of yours in Feb'y last by the hand of Mr Dixon, the contents of which have been carefully noticed; and without further

188 proceed to answer your inquiries - Ist The country appears quite level enough for cultivation, abounding with plenty of fine wholesome streams of water, and the land covered with a good assortment of timber, such as maple, beech, whitewood, cucumber, oak, chestnut, hickory, and on the strea ms, a mixture of hemlock, with a free easy loamy soil; all which added to our mild, agreeable climate, (with a little cultivation) is rendered extremely productive and fruitful. Some peaches and apples actually growing here this season, notwithstanding the severity of the weather here & other places. I learn from various places - and in Vermont, that the frost was so severe as to kill even winter grain, and that on the 6th ult., snow fell to cover the ground. - but I'll assure you that my hat crown would hold every flake of snow that fell in this town on that day. Therefore I think we may consider ourselves highly favor'd - and that we have commenced settling a country possessing many advantages. For when we take into contemplation the situation of our lands bordering on Lake Erie, and view the extensive inland navigation, through Michigan, Huron & Sperior, togeth er with the communication to Montreal, and the contemplated csnal from Erie to Hudson; we cannot but think we are well placed.

A promising prospect of large crops of wheat, rye and other crops this season; though articles of the provision kind at present command a great price. Flour $15 pr bbl - Pork $20 pr cwt and other produce in proportion. However we shall reap in ten days. (Perhaps Mr F. made a mistake in setting down his price)

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189 Doct'r Jones called on me a few days since,on his way to Meacloil, Crawford Co. After tarrying with me over night and giving a brief detail of my old Bennington friends, I gave him a recommendatory line to a Mr Shattuck, owner of 84,000 acres of land in Pa. and he cheerfully departed. You have probably learnt his situation & liking previous to this. This tract of Shattuck's I have the Agency of,& am at present settled in Portland, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., about 50 O~~r~~ 60 miles from those lands,on the great road leading from Buffaloe to N. Connecicut, the better to secure and encourage settlers on to Pennsylvania. However I shall revist the lands about the 25th inst., and expect to select a farm for Life, but not move 'till next Spring. Now if you have any enterprizing young men in your town or vi~~c~~cinity who wish to advance their interest by settling in the western country, send them to me and I think I can be of material advantage to them. My Plattsburgh expedition with the Army 18 months has proved in the end, not greatly to my advantage. Ist the loss of health by a long and severe trial of the Typhus Fever - and 2nd the loss of property in consequence of U.Sam's not paying his troops punctually, and ordering them to different parts ~~of the~~ without pay, when it was out of our power to follow them. But I am here and enjoy comfortable health, and have been able to chop and put into corn - 2 acres - and to keep (the)"the pot boiling"; am at present employed in teaching school at $18 pr month and the privilege of instructing my only three little girls in the bargain, all which is within 15 rods of my log Hotel. I purchased only fifty acres here, at $6 the acre, on a credit of 3 years, I shall probably sell it in the course of the summer- and if you have a tanner & blacksmith to send me he will find my
190 my place to make an eligible stand, as I have a fine stream running past my door - and neither of those mechanics within 8 miles of me each way. Our country is rapidly settling and my new lands I am authorized to contract the sale for at $4 the acre generally - on a credit of eight years,one without interest. Your dear father & mother I can never forget, and when I call to mind how the old farm looked,the garden - blue hill - Uncle Peter's Orchard - and the many happy days spent in changing works with your folks - and to top up all - a dinner of Aunt Dama's cordial brings to my mind those kind of sensations that I can hardly describe. Once more I wish to see you all personally on the ground,but the Great Disposer of events best knows whether that will happen. I shall direct one of land advertisements to Stephen Robinson, and refer you to him for the perusal - in the meantime give my respects to Capt Norton and family and request him if he sends any of sons abroad they will call on me. Please to make my best wishes acceptable to your damsel - and receive for thy good self my unfeigned good wishes for your future matrimonial felicity.

Affectionatelt,

E.A.FAY

SUNDAY, JULY 14th Warm, muggy and smoky. Unwell. Besides attending to writing and reading, walked with Sarah N & W sides of the cornfield - W. border of the rye field W. of the barn - then again just at night over by the old Dr Fay house, viewing the ruined state to which affair were reduced. Perused Bigland,England,- F.Murphy came over - shewed me his journal during his visit at Prince Edward's Island, Gulf St Lawrence.

191 MONDAY, JULY 1~~7~~6th A short shower in the morning quite refreshing - Warm,smoky day. All hands at Dimmick's hoeing. Old Mrs D. paid her daughter a visit. Cousin Sam had business in town, P.M. - absent perhaps 2 hours - returned with the Potsdam, N.Y. Gazette, which informed that on the 15th ult. Mrs Lydia Hopkins de-

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parted this life - aged 55 in April. Her complaint was a most painful disorder of the nerves in her face,which had afflicted her the last 4 years. She was worn out with pain,having been constantly a prey to its excruciating attacks for six weeks, enjoying no sleep during the space of 60 hours previous to her dissolution, which she met with a smile, possessing the hope, fortitude & faith of a Christian. She was a truly fine woman,ever mindful of those whom she saw in distress or in narrow circumstances,freely aiding and bestowing favors without a selfish motive to gratify. Deeply lamented by her family & all who knew her. She returned from this place to Hopkinton,Augt 1815. See Journal Vol 3 p .

TUESDAY,JULY 16th Warm & cloudy - high S.W. wind. Took Michael with me down to Deacon Elijah Fay's Junr's,bought a female swine for $4 drover her home. The D. I saw had commenced haying. Made a safe return with my prize. Assisted Hiram Waters about patching the barn roof. Cousin Sam & Mich awhile hoeing potatoes at Dimmick's. P.M. myself, Mr D. Isaac D. & Mich fenced & sowed the turnip yard - p. Bro't home a load of broken rails by way of Brown's Father sick - kept about .

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 Hot,high,S.wind. Past 12 very black thunder cloud arose from N.W. - short hard shower - a few hard clap of thunder - Rain very acceptable. Read Bigland during the sh'r. Slowly prepared for haying. Father got rakes mended at cousin Stephen's. In the evening fluted with Mr Brown in one of his his empty chambers. Read Bigland in the evening.

THURSDAY, JULY 18 Cold morning - fair day followed. Visited town early this morning. Had business at the blacksmith's, printers and P. Masters, at the latter place U.M.Robinson shewed me Priestley's "General Policy", "Lord Chesterfields Letters to Gis son" & - U.M.appeared to be humbled in his own opinion. - said he had found that he knew nothing - mourned his neglect of reading last winter. Saw W. Haswell, H.Hall, M.L.Selden, E.Young and others - the last, mentioned his having brought the Argus every week for Uncle Jonas since he went away, said he owed him 4 or $5. Mother was sick - sent for Dr S. who gave a puke - She was relieved. Mr Richard Mellen dined here, very lame and much put to for breath - mentioned his being disabled in the Revolutionary War - drawing a pension now of $8 per month - likewise related a few War incidents. His opinion not so exalted of Washington as some. Mr Parsons hooped a hogshead here assisted by Mr Eldred. Mower was begun near the garden & barn as usual.

FRIDAY, JULY 19th Fair with few clouds. We were employed on that part of the S. meadowusually first mown, which according to estimation produced about 28 cwt., not including a small patch left standing on the upper part of the Dry brook. Grass late & light.

193 Mrs Eldred from Pownal, & Mrs Parsons made a visit here. Mrs Waters arrived at E. Waters' from Stockbridge.

SATURDAY, JULY 20th A fair A.M. but cool, cloudy, & some rainy P.M. Took in a few hund's of hay & by assistance of Mr Parsons secured what had been mown in the A.M. Past 6 in the evening spent a little time in music with Mr B. & Mr D. Mr Brown had had his flute stolen from him, by a youngster 15 years of age, of respectable parentage - sometime this P.M.

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SUNDAY, JULY 21st Fair,cool day. Wrote a letter to Mrs Theod'a Harwood, Attica, N.Y. Stated our good health with the exception of mother who had a bad cough in consequence of taking cold. Death of Samuel House (p.166) - of Mrs Jewett (p.182) of Mrs Hopkins (p.191) and I think that of Mr Haswell - p.159 - Particularly mentioned Catherine - Sent compliments to herslf, Fanny & children. Solicited a speedy reply with prices annexed to articles of clothing, which she sent here in 1815 by father, the property of her deceased husbans, that a regular inventory might be made out so as to remunerate or pay over the same to his son when necessary. "Nancy" our young mare had the honor of assisting in double waggon at conveying the ladies to meeting. Besides writing, read English History. Sarah and I in a little excursion observed the luxuriance of Indian corn within the past week.

Gen Amos Kellogg of Pittsford supped with us. Lodged at Cha's Cushmans' - Had business with paymaster H.Robinson

194 MONDAY,JULY 22d South,wind,cloudy & warm. My father hesitated about haying - concluded to suspend it this week. Spent the A.M. opening a ditch to drain off the old clay pond,and taking a few fishes from the brook which for a while was turned out of its course into that ~~pnd,~~ pond. P.M. cous Sa, worked for neighbor Dimmick after neighbor Dimmick's manner. He this morning was absent 2 or 3 hours attending a suit at O.C.Merrill's. Rails were moved from that fence mentioned p.173 and distrubuted around other fences around that field and a load of broken rails taken home for wood. Sarah obtained a quantity of cherries at Mr Parsons'. At night I read history.

TUESDAY, JULY 23d Heavy, black clouds sailing around from a southerly direction - slight rain - considerable heat some part of the day. We talked the matter over and came to a resolution, an inspection of the meadow having been made,that such parts of the meadow as were fit,should be first mowed,that the rest would come forward as fast as could be disposed of. We were employed, cutting swamp grass,N.E. part S. meadow. Elisha Waters waited upon his lady, Wid. Anne Waters & her son on a visit this P.M. Dined - sat awhile & returned to his labor. Mrs Mercy Chase with a young babe,& Mrs Danforth with her sister in law,likewise spent the P.M. here. At night U.M.Robinson borrowed 4th V. of Bigland. Accompanied him in a solo - very much engaged talking of history,memory & education - left him at some distance below the Montague house - Pownal celebration & Rep. & Fed. nominations in the Vermont Gazette.

195 WEDNESDAY,JULY 24 Hard thunder shower about 1 in the morning, but of short continuance. Black,low clouds,after sunride. Wind N. or N.E. P.M. wind light breeze same direction - Smooth haze overhead, heavy, dark clouds in the N.W. Two and a half tons hay raked encircling the barley,in the neighborhood of which the meadow produced as much as usual. Mowing worried me - Sam principally at mowing this day. Read the Columbian. Mrs Street very musical. Came here to spin.

THURSDAY,JULY 25th Great rain in the night - cool,cloudy morning. - pleasant P.M. - Pleasing prospect - everything grew rapidly - Bars were set up in the new fence -(p.173) and S. side of the young orchard, whole built built 1806. P.M. haying progressed. Friend J.Rogers abd I conveyed a barrel of cider to D.Clark. Carried wool to Capt Mills to be carded. A drunken fellow named Busy playing

on the flute badly,I took hold and performed a while. Got home at 8. Jonathan's young friends were,a few of them,met at Mr Loomis'.

FRIDAY, JULY 26th Fine fair day. Seven loads hay, all that had been mown was drawn in. We had a little trouble hanging a barn-door which cousin Sam had caused to fall by accident. Cousin Isaac Stone arrived from Hoosack - School-master. Mrs Batt & her daughter were here this P.M. Daniel Case white-washed kitchen, S. room & bed-room for $1.25 We had mowed an opening across from one ditch to the other - a narrow strip down the upper ditch or back to the E. line and a piece

196 very rough W. of the old oat ground a little farther up than the lower edge of the pasture,bearing west as far as a small elm which is pretty nearly opposite the corner of the pasture. See 19th 23d Cousin I.Stone arrived in the eve'g.

SATURDAY,JULY 27th Rained early in the morning, calm, cloudy weather ensued. The little meadow was dispatched. Friend Isaac and I visited town late P.M. Went to the printing office - Court House & State Arms tavern. The meeting held by the Democrats, which I did not attend,adjourned to August 7th. Gen Robinson, Col Merrill & others expressed a favorable opinion of the result of the ensuing election - Spoke of first principles - Judge Robinson & Judge Fay conversed on northern & southern pronunciation. W.Wittum of Pownal sold us 3 split brooms.

SUNDAY, JULY 28th Cool,cloudy,gloomy - wind N.E - In ill health. Read Bigland on Roman and beggining of Frech History. Solon Clark and Edwin Brewer did not visit me as they promised. Albert Osborn came up with J.Rogers, made a short tarry. Isaac Stone, having visited at Mr Duncan's went home.

MONDAY, JULY 29th Smart shower from N.E. in the morning - no very good hay we ather followed. My father greatly put to his trumps, knew not what to do - grass growing too fast to employ all hands cutting it down profitably. Cousin Sam. was set to mowing - Father and I having worked at the ditch spoken of p.44 awhile,

197 or rather I having been employed there while he was setting Michael to harrowing the plow ground,we dried,raked,rolled together the hay in the little meadow. Mr Brown brought rolls from Hills. The neighborhood was disturbed by that impostor mentioned p.186 who lurked in gardens and old houses - Particularly at Dr Fay & Waite houses unoccupied this season.

TUESDAY, JULY 30th Great dew - Middling warm - flying clouds from NE The little meadow which we think produced as much as usual especially the N. end where it was plastered,the effect plainly seen,yielded 45 hund'd to 1½ acres. It was good weather,but there was some ill luck and ill temper - the former in backing out and pushing down a bzrn door the 2nd time - the latter happening in the S. meadow betseen my father & me about getting out with a load of hay. But these vexations were of short stabding. Major Potter's case was published in this day's Gazette.

WEDNESDAY,JULY 31st Cloudy- rain threatened - small quantity came at night. Bad hay weather - Barn door hinged again. Grass remarkably late this season - Red top not fit to cut - Swails & swamps ~~not~~ very productive - Dry up-land not so good as usual,but not so bad on this f arm as on many upland farms in this vicinity -

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Large bare spots occur in our meadows on dry heaths & ridges, but the whole taken together yield a common crop. Corn had come forward finely on rich lands well manured - other grain doing well, but late Potatoes plenty and thrifty. Saarcity of money 'till cured up.

198 THURSDAY,Aug't 1st Low thick clouds in the morning,which broke away towards noon. P.M. it thundered & rained to the N. & E. which gave us an alarm, but it finally rained here, but slightly. Mid&g warm. Took in some hay in the morning and raked up what was necessary,ready for a storm,then just at night went to to assist friend Dimmick in the Fay meadow, but he happily had prepared himself so well that he needed no assistance.

Anthony!

Walked to town for the purpose of entering complaint against Greene,"the St Arms Dancer",but failed of it because McEowen was gone from home. Accompanied by S.H.Brown went to E.Young's and borrowed Ferguson's History of Rome. Mrs Y. made enquiry respecting my sisters, wanted to know why I never would come up with them and play on the flute - regretted the want of intercourse there was between the different parts of the town - all which I replied to as well as my ability and the subject would permit. There was conversation respecting musick in which Mr Y. and Mr ~~S~~ Story joined. Mrs Y. would have flattered me thereif she could. Came home and began reading the History. Widow Waters' here this P.M. & evening.

FRIDAY, AUG. 2d Very warm at intervals - thunder heads N. & E. wind N. Worked for Parsons - AM,getting hay of Dimmick out of the Dr Fay meadow - we found him cart & oxen - I pitched on 1 load & Dimmick 2 while J. raked for him. Parsons himself loaded - Old Mr Eldred raked after 2 first loads. I helped

199 take the last load which Dimmick threw off in a hurry. I think his his object was two-fold - to shew himself smart & to see me tug & sweat,but as to the last,in scourging me, he scourged himself. Came home from P's past noon - Promis'd me he'd come up after dinner and assist us - He did but it was too late an hour to please, although his performance might be said to be tolerable. A rough piece of the upper part of the S. mead, was raked and most of it drawn in,besides a quantity W. of the upper part of the upper brook. Mr Brown here late this evening. Dimmick and Parsons were not agreed about the quantity of hay,which the latter had of the former at $10 per ton,about one half of which was excellent English hay. Mr D. put it at 34 or 35 hundred, which I should say was not far from the truth.

SATURDAY,AUG'T 3d Wind S. - hazy - looked likely to rain. Mowed and drew in 2 tons hay from the upper part of the S. meadow - the piece extending E. from the lane nearly within range of the leaning basswood - and from a certain walnut tree N. to the S.W. or upper corner - rough,but producing about as usual. We finished work in good season - letting Michael,who had been a pretty good boy the past week, go to Algiers to sell wood-chuck skins. Cousin Sam'l went home with his mother,who came on a visit alone in a one horse waggon. Our haying had progressed with good speed of late. In the S. meadow there remained three considerable pieces besides the oat ground adjoining the cow pasture - the first next the lane S. of the Dry Brook, the 2nd N. of the upper

200 brook where the straight ditch begins - center of the meadow, the ~~8~~ 3d begins on the flat N. of the same ditch, embosoming a well known walnut tree - widens to the N.E. along the Dr Fay line,making in al about 4 acres. But little of the N. meadow mown. (See July 31st)

Had raised the two hay mows a little higher than the scaffolds either of which had on a load of hay, making in all about tons. Mrs Waters departed for Elisha's this evening. Was informed that the Widows Street & Waters carried a high joke respecting Mr Brown.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4th Rained heavily in the morning, rainy all day. Having written the usual task and read Fergussons Rome respecting the constitution of that ancient Republic, walked with father to view the winter wheat - found it so green that we judged it would not be fit to harvest ere the end of 2 weeks. Michael disobeyed orders; did not return till this evening - was instructed to come home the evening before.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5th Had rained hard in the night - low flying clouds chilly damp wind from N.W.. The 2d line from the top of this page informs where we mowed this day. A piece of ground which had been plowed next the Dr Fay farm was rough and hard mowing. Friend Dimmick came over to try our scythes - rather disapproved - Inoculated 7 buds in one tree. Evening read History.

201 TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th Pretty clear, good, weather. Finished mowing the S. meadow in the W. part where it was stout gras and hard to cut. A large quantity of hay was raked and doodled. Cousin Sam's little brother Henry came down to see him - informed of Dr B. Robinson's arrival from the southward. U.M.Robinson bro't us 3 letters - the first from Dr Ros'l Hopkins, dated June 20th 1816 through Plattsburgh Post Office which contains a particular & very satisfying account of Mrs H's death (p.191) He expresses himself feelingly on the mournful occasion and assures father & mother that althoughbthe tie may now seem to be dissolved, which connected him and them, yet his friendship will always continue. Requested to have information forwarded as to other relatives - Mentioned his family being a good deal scattered - Eldest son in Vermont - 2d at Buffaloe, whence expected George would soon go - 2d daughter at Pottsdam - the rest were near him and in health - stated the same respecting uncle Jones' children. Said the season had been backward, hay scarce, grain sufficient for the country growing, but was then scarce

The 2d from Miss Lucinda Clark, Norway, N.Y. Dated at her sister Polley's whom she described as some worn down with the cares of a large family. Her mother at Fairfield, N.Y. where her father would preach until October. The former in a very low situation in body & mind, having had three shocks of the palsy - Went from Williamstown 20th of June - Intended to have paid us a visit previously - circumstances prevented - would come the next winter. Spirits low on account her own and her mother's health - whipped me for not calling at P's on my return from Conn't.

202 She had seen a letter I wrote her father by a young Stark in June and also had news of the death of Mrs Hopkins. The 3d letter was from Asa Harwood in usual style as to health &c. Would take $35 in money for his share of furniture, as he could get no chance to send for it. Dated, August 8th 1816.

WEDNESDAY, AUG'T 7th Warm - flying clouds from the N. We had the misfortune of having part of the last load of hay from the S. meadow slide off. Manured land in that meadow produced well & so did the low swampy parts, but where it was dry it did not recover the ravages of winter. That flat N. of the walnut between the 2 ditches was thin & light, farther E. it was good. This meadow yielded rather over 20 tons - contains about 23 acres.

Jonathan Fassett Sen'r Esq'r paid us a short visit, likewise received one from Mrs Duncan - Read Hannibal's Progress at night.

THURSDAY, AUG't 8th Very likely tomrain till past 3 p.M. when it wore away. Pretty warm. Worked hard at mowing & in the P.M. it appearing probable that a shower would rise, cousin Sam & I exerted ourselves at raking, a couple of hours. I o'clock P.M. cousin Clark A. Harwood arrived from Butternuts, N.Y. Left all well there on Sunday morning - Cotton factory going well. Walked about the farm with him, talking of objects which he called to memory after 18 years absence, being in his 7th year when he left here, and other affairs of that date as well as a variety of matter usually discussed between two friends - Experienced sensations the most pleasing in his company.

203 Miss Street's 2 daughters, Melissa & Lucy, were here this P.M.

FRIDAY, AUG. 9th Weather resembled the 8th. Mowed Barley and got in all the hay we had down. Cousin Clark & Diedemia visited uncle S. Robinson's - cousin U.M. came home with them. D. & I rode to Mr House's and watched with him - She set up - I slept for I was weary - Mr H. was very low, but some better in the morning. Fine moon-light night - had cousin C. harness & waggon.

SATURDAY, AUG. 10th Warm - cloudy, likely to rain till 2 P.M. Thundered in the E. Very warm part of the time. Harvested rye which was stout & very heavy eared. Neighbor Dimmick crdled, complained of its being extremely heavy - heads forming knots as he brought about his cradle, which hindered his laying it even. Cousin S. made attempts at cradling which cost him great exertion, but discontinued it sometime P.M. Cousin Clark & Lydia (25 on the 9th) rode to Petersburgh to visit there. Too fatigued to read at night. Corn was very uneven - some had tassled, others had not. Our neighbors in the S. part of the town had a good deal to mow.

SUNDAY, AUG 11th Pretty warm - threatened rain just at night from the S. Busy in the usual way - Pained in my right wrist - could not rest well. Friend Elisha Waters & his journeyman Nims assisted us raking & binding rye near night, fearing it would rain.

MONDAY, AUG. 12th Looked like rain in the morning, 11 A.M. broke away good w'r. Finished mowing the N. meadow -
204 Mr Brown butchered a fine calf whose quarters averaged 29 lbs, but to balance this, we lost in consequence of throwing the intestines to the swine to eat 1 out of 4 well looking hogs. I am under mistake. The mowing & butchering above was executed on Tuesday. On Monday, having rained a little in the morning - took up the barley which grew on the patch where potatoes were grown in 1815 - say 3/4 acre - good - made three cart loads. Finished cutting rye. Cousin Clark, sister Lydia, and cousin Marg't arrived fr Petersburgh.

TUESDAY, AUG 13th Cloudy & muggy A.M. - slight shower with thund'r 2 P.M. For a part of this day's events see Monday. While Mr Brown and father were skinning the dead hog assisted Dimmick in getting 2 lightnloads hay on the Fay farm E. of the road. Black Sue went with us one load to rake after, and related what she recollected on one of the day's of Burgoyne's actions. Cousin C.A.H. gallanted his & my eldest sister to S.Robinson's. Strawberries were found by cousin Sam. while mowing.

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WEDNESDAT, AUG 14" Good weather, tolerably warm. Finished haying. the last stage of the business was in the N.E. pt of the N. meadow - bank bordering the rye field and that awail S of the great spring which last produced about 8 hund. Cousin Sam built a stack of 2½ tons. We suppose we cut in our meadow this season 31 tons of hay of which the N. meadow produced 7, containing 7 acres. (See remarks p.197, 202)

205 Aunt Sarah here on a visit - Cousin U.M.R ~~sa~~ staid a moment in the evening. Read Roman History, concerning Antioches.

THURSDAY, AUG 15" Cloudy, slight rain late P.M., had threatened all day - muggy, oppressive heat - Felt out of health A.M. - pulling flax being the business - P.M. took a ride with cousin C.A.H. - restored my health - Went by way of Atwood's, Esquire Smith's and Lieut Safford's to the C.H. - Agreeably spent the time at the P.O. & at Fassett's with U.M.R. conversing together and drinking beer. Old McNelly was at the latter place - shewed his letters he carried in his hat, talked wild & droll like other intemperate characters. Said his family had gone to Chenango Point to live. Heard Parker, a musician, play hansomely on his violin - was to perform for a ball at F's this evening. Being returned home, this party sat down and wrote a letter to cousin Ruth informing her how unexpected her brother's visit was and what a great satisfaction his visit was to us - briefly mentioning a few of the most remarkable incidents which had occurred since her leaving here, asking pardon for not writing more full because I did not feel in quite the right trim, asked her what she was reading - told her I was reading Freguson's Rome.

FRIDAY, AUG 16th Warm, pleasant, dry & smoky wind S. Cousin C.A. Harwood having in conjunction with his sister Margaret paid us a visit, agreeable, cheering & delightful visit, this
206 morning took his departure for Butternuts, Elm Grove, Factory, N.Y. of which he was overseer. I was more pleased in conversation with him than with any cousin that ever visited me. Possessed of a good English education and love of books, he had acquired a very considerable knowledge of history, far beyond whar I could boast. Lively & cheerful carried himself correctly, born at Rutland, Vt., A.D. January 1792, he had written his father to meet him here, could wait no longer.

Finished pulling 3/4 of an acre very pretty flax. (See p.141) Three P.M. we all attended an accidental of democrats, young & old, to commemorate the day. Committee & volunteer toasts were good. Some excellent songs composed by the late A. Haswell & A. Selden, of a superior kind, were handsomely sung by Col J.E. Robinson & others - the Col had just arrived from N.Y. Formed procession at sundown, marched down the hill & rerurned into Cushman's Hall - the Band performing with masterly skill. Cousin S. & I committed a fault in not ascertaining whether my father had gone home for ~~us~~ we came away with the waggon & left him, supposing he had retired. Widow Waters & Mr B. here this evening.

SATURDAY, AUG 17th Warm, a little cloudy & smooky. Carted in all the rye - 60 shocks & 2 shieves - excellent for 4 acres. Cut of swamp hay in the hog pasture. Now even with our own worj. Our hay was put up in good order & well salted, this season.

207 Saturday, AUG. 18th Warm in the extrme till past 3 P.M. A slight rain allay the heat, but in the evening it returned as burdensome as ever; in the night there was a series of showers of short furation, accompanied by heavy thunder, esteemed a singularity of some & mentioned next morning. Endured intdrruption of reading

& writing impatiently - assisted at harnessing horses for chirch. Progressed in Romas History 'till the final subjujection of Greece and destruction of Carthage - of which the latter is a dreadful relation.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19 Muggy cloudy warm day Wind N. Went to Col N's in the morning and had irons sharpened for plowing. Procured newspapers at the printing office. A small piece of good spring wheat was cradled - more rye pulled out of the winter wheat for seed - P.M. spring wheat bound and put up - Entered the winter wheat , but felt diffident about cutting it. Michael was set to harrowing.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20" Very warm, coudy.- appeared likely to rain, which it did, slightly, about 9 o'clock - wind unstead & rising - 1 P.M. violent gusts of wind arose from N.W. which increased to an alarming degree 'till near night, grew cold unusually fast and to an astonishing pitch - The whirl-winds beat off great quantities of apples, butternuts &c. Began plowing late in the morning having in the young Nancy, which performed well. Mich. behaved ill at harrowing. We were both called to the wheat-field P.M. where father & cousin Sam. had been employed. We did think of driving harvesting & plowing together, but abandoned it.

208 WEDNESDAY, AUG'T 21 Very cold - some people saw frost - wind N.W. 'till noon, then S. E.Waters cradled in company with cous'n Sam. Read Bigland's historical V. of Carthage at noon. Mich'l very lazy.

THURSDAY, AUG. 22d Looked likely to rain till past noon - warm & cloudy P.M. Stalham Nims, journeyman to E.Waters was sent for from Algiers - raked & bound the P.M., built 2 stacks - grumbled considerable, but worked pretty well. E. & H.Waters both here. Mrs Street went to Henry Robinson's to nurse).

FRIDAY, Aug 23d Likely for rain 'till past 3 P.M. Wind S.W. Cousin Sam. employed mending his cradle 'till late A.M. P.M. broke his scithe. S.B.Young came to me about noon, shewed me a list of characters whom he desired me to leave my work at 3 P.M. to see & invite to meet at a certain house this evening for collecting the names of freemen in my District. Told him it was next to impossible for me to go - appealed to the situation of the field for evidenc of it - Said I would do all I could, would attend in the evening.

Dispatched friend Rogers to two trusty democrats, one of whom met me at the time & place appointed where we made out a List agreeable to custom. Mr Parsons & lady supped here this P.M. about 5 o'clock. Mr P's horse ran away with his 1 horse waggon, broke it & the harness too.

SATURDAY, AUG. 24" Warm cloudy and muggy - Like rain 'till 3 P.M. Compleated gathering winter wheat harvest, of which 1 load & the Sp wheat mentioned on the 19th were carted in.

209 E.Waters who had very successfully operated with an unwieldly cradle had credit for 7½ days labor at this harvest, including his brother Hiram's and Mr Nims' services. Waters broke his cradle when he commenced with the oats, which were extremely stout. Cousin S. spent a hard P.M. there - He carried the List (p.208) to S.B.Young at night. Sarah, Jonathan & I consulted together at eve about a certain project lately put in agitation. Mother, Wid'o Watdrs & Lydia, visited Mrs Duncan - L. Staid all night at L. Norton's - Michael worked lazily.

SUNDAY, AUG 25th Cold morning - grew mild to the end of the day. Looked like rain in the evening - Wind S.

Plagued writing ballots & waiting upon the folks. Endured the jaw-ache. Wrote letter to Rufus B. Stone - See p. 281 - At the close of the day took up a few oats - Mr Dimmick assisted. Mr Isaiah Matteson 5 P.M., preached at our school-house - our people except father attended. Aat dark drove the cows out of capt Norton's oats - saw trou ble in dislodging a few of them from a neighboring snug little grove. An alarming great smoke which arose from a fallow was seen in capt Dimmick's neighborhood N. part of Pownal, 2 & 3 P.M.

MONDAY, AUG.26th Rainy early in the morning - cloudy and produced a shower at 5 P.M. - Wind S.W. 'till eve. then NW 2 teams ploughed. Dimmick lugged at the oats P.M. but did not conquer - they were too powerful even for his boasting spirits - Indeed a finer crop is rarely seen. My father was there too reaping. Lively, cheerful evening.

210 TUESDAY, AUG 27" Fine morning - soon clouded over - flying black clouds - Showery P.M. - chilling N. wind - dark gloomy w'r. We wanted to cart wheat - weath'r would not permit. My father & I followed our plows - Sam. finished cradling the oats & the small piece of Sp. wheat N. of them & threashed wheat P.M. Our wheat ran so low this year previous to harvest that rye had to be its substitute for some days - even borrowed flour at L. Norton's. Read history in the evening. Miss Melissa Street came to spinning.

WEDNESDAY, AUG.28" Flying clouds - very cold - extremely so - Wind NW My father & cousin Sam. carted wheat. I held plow Conferred with friend (with) J. Norton Junr on chosing a capt in Blackmer's company. Thought probable it would (it) go by succession.

THURSDAY, AUG. 29th White frost this morning - Fair day - wind N. Finished carting winter wheat, of which there were 12 loads from 14 acres - Rating each load at 10 bushels, it would give 120 bushels; a crop little more than a third as large as was produced in the same field in 1806. It was then, except beside the fences, and there no more than middling, in every part, but more particularly so in the N.W. & S.E. angles - S. part very grassy - N.W. more barren - consequently worse to save. Began getting in oats, including 64 shieves Siberian Sp. wheat, which grew W. side the swail in that field - See p. 141 & 211. Collins Batt carried out shieves. Jonathan R. pitfhed up last load.

211 FRIDAY, AUG. 30th Fine day - fine damp S. wind - high - at night . Finished the harvest by carting flax and very good & monstrous finished heavy oats which ~~gave~~ grew on 2 acres of ground presumed might yield 110 bhls. To the east of these was a fine growth of common Sp. wheat, say 180 shieves to 1/2 acre, In all parts of the town and vicinity, spring-wheat, rye and oats, Barley & flax were good crops. Rested 2 hours at eve.

	No. of Acres.	Shieves
Winter wheat		
Winter wheat ----------	14	3000
Spring do 180 Shieves		
Siberian 64 ----	1/2 & 1/8	1/244
Rye ----------	4	902
Oats ----------	2	810
Barley ----------	1/2 20 rd	3 loads
Flax ----------	3/4	2 do

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SATURDAY,AUG 31st Had rained in the night - we lowery morning. Pleas cool P.M. strong N.W. breeze - Plowing was following by Sam. and me. Made a calculation this evening of the annual family expenses, which we found came up to $442. - See F. Register,p. Numbers had not finished haying - harvest was late, in short everything was universally backward. Corn, beans, potatoes, garden roots, apples &c. had advanced rapidly, but received a check from late cold weather. In some places the frost had done great damage. Streams low - rains not very frequent & light.

212 Received a letter from G.Smedley, Litchfield, dated Aug 15 1816 The purport of which was to inform us that our friends were well and that his circumstances were such as to prevent his visiting us this fall - Complained of backward season & crops - had but lately begun hay'g.

SUNDAY,SEPT. 1st Very cold 'till past noon, warmer P.M. No frost. Walked with Sarah to pluck corn to boil. Cousin Isaac Stone brought here from Hoosick his cousin Rachel Stone, on his way to Williamstown - Drove hence to Pownal - They returned from church pleased with the preaching.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2d Dark, cloudy morning, expected rain. This aspect continued till 3 P.M.,very little wind stirring, cleared up extremely warm - Evening there was a tremendous shower thunder gust - but not much rain in this quarter. Finished plowing ground 2d time for wheat. Father and Mother attended prayer meeting at Judge Robinson's this evening. S.Waters, Eliza Norton & J.Rogers were here during the shower.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3d Temperate, mild weather. Plowing & thrashing was our home employment. Cousin Sam. pursued the latter while my father & I attended the poll. A list of candidates for State Officers is to be seen in the Vt Gazette of this date. For Representative to the Gen. Assembly - Stephen Robinson was supported by the democrats, and Aaron Robinson, his cousin, by the federalists. Former had 228 votes - the latter 209 - obtained his election scattering p's.

213 Asked a democrat who knew the private proceedings of his party, what calculation had been made previous to the election. He answered that 12 majority had been looked for - Supposed there were deceivers - as the result shewed. The new mode of voting, first took place this day Members of Congress were chosen - For Galusha 221 - For Strong 237. AT M.D.Robinson Junr's besides writing ballots, wtote a reply to G. Smedley. My principal subject was the crops, season & consequent prospect - Exhorted him to write - See p. .

WEDNESDAY,SEPT 4th A cloudy morning, pleasant, warm day. Continued plowing oat-stubble for sowing rye - Sam & Damia went to commencement. Artillery & Capt Lacey's Comp'y trained. Mr P. here at night.

THURSDAY,SEPT 5th Pleasant,warm,smoky day. Capt Wilber Blackmer assembled his Company this P.M. to lead them to the choice of a new Capt'n and other officers. Previous to being paraded a consultation was held respecting the Ensign's department. Mr Asher Wilcox came to me and said it was the general intention among his neighbors as well as among all that part of the company in that quarter (Algiers) to promote to that station - Stephen Pratt Jun - 2d Sergt - in preference to Green Blackmer, the Orderly - I said I should vote that way in which the majority appeared inclined to go -

did not feel anxious anyhow, for if it had proved to be the unanimous wish of the com-

214 to chose the latter for Ensign I might have given him my vote, though it is most probable, as he never was a person of my choice, I should have dropt my vote. The Comp. having paraded - mzrched & counter-marched - there being present about 120, Capt B. addressed himself in his usual manner, produced and read a letter from Brigadier Gen Roberts in reply to two of his own sent in July concerning his res ignation, which I suppose he thought apologized for his not sooner calling out the company for the present purpose. The Capt then, in usual order marched his men by a circuitous route by a place provided for taking down votes near Capt Squires' house, Capt S. Robinson being ~~a~~ Clerk. Lieut Wm Burt was unanimously, with the exception of a single vote - elected Capt - In like manner Ensign Luman Norton was raised to the Lieutenancy, but in going round for Ensign a division ensued and Mr Pratt was chosen by a majority of six. Mr P. modestly, with diffidence accepted. This last choice was as grinding and illy received by B. & his friends as it was unexpected and pleasing to the friends of the former. The next bus iness was to fill three vacancies for segeants, who were - S.L.Godfrey, J.Norton Jun & Isaac Rics 2d. The youngest corp'l,Jed Dewey, became eldest, three new ones were chosen - To Wit - King Barney, Aaron D. Robinson & Alonzo Selden - Before the election of the latter, Lyman Patchin, merchant, was appointed by nearly a unanimous vote to that office - Came forward, always despising the notion of even doing duty, and made an insulting short speech in

215 which he said he did not thank, nor should he accept of the appointment from a company which had in it so many unprincipled men. Capt B. now paraded his men on the green for the last time, and to gratify some particular purposes, drew from his pocket a staement of the financial transactions of the officers, which he read so unintelligibly that I am not able to notice more than one or two items.

It appeared that they had paid for arms, equipage, drums, tuition of music &c about $100. of which Sergt B. had put in $26 and Ensign Pratt only 50 cents - had collected in fines 19 or 20. Due the officers about $80. In a valedictory of a very unpolished style wherein he returned thanks for himself, not for others, for the good behavious observed toward him, saying he had held an office in that company 24 years; made an attempt to discorganize it the succeeding day, by saying in positive terms, as was literally correct, that no order which he had ever issued was longer binding than while he held his commission, and then dismissed them. It is probable, as the warning for the Reg. Review was in his name, he thought to detatch numbers through the assurance of not being fineable, from that day's service. Soon after dismission he exhibited a strange spectacle by marching through the street, from one extremity to the other, at the head of his four little musicians, who although good, were poorly employed. Bought two half pint glass tumblers, at o/8 at Pickett's and 1 lb bohea tea at Patchin's and marched home.

216 FRIDAY, SEPT 6th Warm and cloudy - a few drops of rain in the AM. Our Company, notwithstanding Capt B. & Sergt B's exertions turned out 48 strong in good plight. Those gent. had used every means they could invent to make it small & appear disrespectful From good authority (no less than Lieut N.) I was informed that the new captain & his brother officers applied to Capt B. for the arms which had been purchased at their joint expence and deposited with ~~hi~~ him, which he promised to forward this morning for the use of the company, but which he totally failed to do. Sergt G.B. said he meant to come on and perform his duty this day as if nothing had hap-

pened, but how little did he regard his professions of mildness, candor and moderation, - he only appeared in his place long enough to call the roll in the morning and then decamped . This sort of conduct combined with the partial management, by him and the late Capt'n in the fining department, went far in sinking him in the estimation of his fellow men. So much for this great character.

Col Cross had his Reg. paraded by about noon and marched intO Judge Robinson's great meadow some 50 rods W. of the C.House. It lacked one company from Stamford - No cavalry. To the Artillery was attached a pretty corps of youths from 12 to 15 who had the gun and everything in close imitation of regular artillery. The field officers made a rich, gay & shewey appearance. Gen Robinson and Gen Robetts were both present . Maj'r Matthews was absent. A few mistakes were committed.

217 It was a noble day for music - About 30 drummers and fifers exclusive of 3 bass drimmers, in the center, while the Bennington Band served the Artillery, and six drummers and fifers with a bass drum, marched with the Shaftsbury Infantry. Marched round the field twice for review - formed & displayed columns a few times, those that had powder fired a few round by order, marched out of the field and were dismissed in the St at 5 P.M., or perhaps later - Much firing, off and on parade. Saw Cousin Sally Taylor at E.Waters'. Supped at Mr Parsons'.

SATURDAY, SEPT 7th Fine weather. Rye was sown on oat-stubble & flax ground. See p. 141. Began threshing or rather treading Winter wheat.

SUNDAY, SEPT 8th Cloudy - some likely for rain - Dry. Pained in my back - Reckoned up worth of produce of 1815 sold.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9th Rained a little - warm and muddy - Wheat was thrashed. Cousin Sam. harrowed the plow field. M. Grimes was despatched to Mr Davis, the blacksmith, with a line, to see if he would take him, there having been some such talk, but he would not. Elijah Brown Junr of Stamford paid his respects here this P.M. Mr Edmund Hall spent the evening here - came to get vinegar.

TUESDAY,SEPT. 10th Hazy, cold day. Wheat was winnowed and found to to yield poorly. Cousin Sam. harrowed. Capt Whipple with his son John , who took the stage for Albany, arrived from Sunderland, past 9 in the morn'g in a chair. Rode about with the former who appeared to retain his faculties bright. Got Roll's at Hill's & on a 2d tour brought grist from mill - got horse-shoes fastened at J.Norton's - V.D.Speigel related a remarkable bird anecdote.

218 Mrs P. Waters here in the P.M. Band here in the eve - performed handsomely - Rufus Steins - leader,- Band having withdrawn - T.Hill' & myself fluted for the young tribe to dance. U.M.Robinson & bassoon staid all night.

SEPTEMBER, 11th Ever memorable day - Mc D. on Lake Champlain 1816 defeated the British fleet. Cloudy & cold. Unwel, could not read in the evening. Thrashing was continued.

THURSDAY, SEPT.12 Cold, high, wind - cloudy. Pursued thrashing with horses. Sam. finished harrowing plough-~~filed~~field Henry Robinson Esqr rec'd 156

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 13" High, hollow E.Wind - some rain. Borrowed Capt B's fanning mill, winnowed wheat. From 63 shocks got 276 lb 3 pieces - Became anxious to receive a letter from C.A.Harwood who had promised me one immediately after his return - p. 206 - Mrs Sarah Harwood - 23 this day.

SATURDAY,SEPT. 14" E. storm held on - some rainy. Finished thrashing Drew out and spread part of the flax - Seed partially winnowed - Received 8 bhls plaster of Paris at 3/6 per bhl, per R. Wickwire.

SUNDAY, SEPT.15" E. storm - cloudy - little rainy. A letter was prepared for Asa Harwood, Sempronius, N.Y. excusing our neglect in not soon er writing, making known the difficulty of turning his furniture into money, which was extremely scarce - and the badness of winter wheat crops, hay &c. Read Roman Hist'y. Began to eat raw apples in the young orchard. Employed the eve'g as at P. 217 - Sept. 8.

219 MONDAY, SEPT.16th Rained hard early in the morning & at noon, None, P.M. - Ground not wet in far. Cool. Spread flax in the rain, all got some wet, finished it before noon. On ground used in 1815. Took a 2d soaking, digging potatoes. Had an errand at Capt Norton's - talked with friend L.N. respecting Capt & Serg't B. With a few bushels of wheat took Sam. H.Brown and Ed. Swift's to Dewey's Mill - fanned the wheat in his long mill. Mr L. Dewey engaged me to carry a little grist to his house. Told me his son L. was leaving the book-binding business at Utica, N.Y.- belonged to a large and respectable Band of Music there. 21 in Jan. 1817. This brought on a long conversation on music & musical geniuses - Carried stove-bottom to the Pocket Furnace to be mended. Being told it would cost $1.25" brought it away. Mr Brooks said Maj'r Bowers left with him $7.00 for my father for debt long due. Bought 1/2 lb damaged tea for 25 ct at Patchin's. Col Norton was about to commence blacksmithing on an extended scale. Had Mr B's flute here this ev'g. Leaves began to fade.

TUESDAY,SEPT. 17" Frosty morning. Pleas't temperate day. Cold in the ev'g - We commenced sowing wheat - Sam & I dined in the field. Our ground was in excellent order - ox & horse team plow'g in seed. Very noisy evening. Mrs Severance died Monday eve. aged 23.

WEDNESDAY,SEPT. 18th Great dew - Good weather. Same business. Dined in field. Hazy - wind S. - Tolerably warm. Mrs S's funeral was attended.

THURSDAY,SEPT 19th Read beginning 2d line of Wednesday for weath'r this day - Finished sowing. Wheatfield at the SW part of the improvements of the farm computed at 9 acres. Commonly called the SW pasture. Sowed 13-2/3d bushels seed, harrowed, plowed 2d time, harrowed, again plowed in seed & harrowed once more.

220 FRIDAY,SEPT. 20th Warm,good weather - Coudy, rained a few drops just at night - Closed the sowing campaign about 11 A.M. Two shocks of rye were threashed, which wielded 2½ bushels. Commenced digging potatoes. Mr Forbes and his lady, late Miss L. Duncan from Charlotte, called, on their way to Williamstown. Old Mr Martin from Paran Creek with his wife paid an P.M. here - Spoke of their old friends and neighbors, Mra Stone and her daughter Annis.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21" Frosty morning; clear & cool. A little rye was threshed for friend Dimmick to sow. Cut up a part of the corn. There was a female party from here at Parsons'. All hands in in good spirits. Fears were entertained of a frost.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22d Fair, dry day. Copies Dr Hopkins' letter - p. 201 to send to Scipio. Mr Erastus Severance died of the dropsy this morning.

MONDAY, SEPT.23d Cloudy, wind S., chilly - P.M. began to rain slowly. Rained considerably in the evening. Attended the funeral of Mr Severance, whose age was 37 - almost 38 - He was opened after death, his melt taken out, wighed lbs 5-1/4 - a respectable shoe-maker - superintended his affairs accurately till within a short time of his death. His wife died on the 17th of the consumption - Left 2 children by a former wife, from whom he had been divorced - 9 & 12 years of age. His first wife died 2 or 3 months sooner than he. Called on Col Fay for a settlement respecting cider made for him since 1813; unprepared, had no money, could get none of rich old farmers, his clients, and
221 a misunderstanding subsisting between us about cider made in 1813, of which Uncle Jonas, who then managed the cider-mill had lost the Ac't and he thinking he had paid over money to him, dropped it and pursued my course onto the Hill. Jacob Brooks paid seven dollars for Maj. Jones Bowers for which I gave him a receipt. Paid $1. due Wm Haswell to U.M.Robinson, his clerk. Saw a letter from C.A.Harwood to him (U.M.) in which he promised one to me next. Bought a piece of (i)hoop iron for 25" to mend the wood-stove bottom with, which upon trial succeeded well. D.Clark gave me the N.Y. herald of Sept 18th which mentioned long rains at that place previous to the 14th. Samuel dug potatoes. The ladies finished spinning wool.

TUESDAY, SEPT 24th Came off warm after the rain. Northern Lights at night. Digging potatoes continued. English whites thin but good. Mr Capron & his lady tarried here this night-the former worked with us in the P.M. Mrs Waters & Mr B. here this eve. Finished writing the letter to aunt Stone, which travelled briefly over much cousin ground, gleaning little information . Mrs Street was carried away on special business by Benj'n Hills this PM.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25 Looked like rain and actually did rain a little in the P.M. Pleas't P.M. Wind N. Finished digging English whites in the field, of which there were 140 bhls. Around the corn-field, which on the manured part produced well, there were 35 bhls. Swell grounds were postponed - growing fast - Miss Lucy Street here on a visit. See p. 157.

222 THURSDAY, SEPT. 26 Hard frost in the night, unlooked for - Cold morning, fair & smoky. Chill N.W. wind all day. Frost killed beans, pumpkins, vines, potatoe tops &c. Wrote letters by cousin Catherine, to aunt Stone, uncle A. Harwood & C's mother. For the former see 218-221 - the latter renders as a reason for sending out her daughter, that according to Mr Smith's statement last winter, it seems to be her wish. The remainder is an exposition of our circumstances which precluded the idea of forwarding her assistance. Cousin Catherine was well fixed off and put on board a Mr Pool's waggon, drawn by one yoke of oxen, bound to a town 14 miles from Warsaw, N.Y. Clarissa Palmer passenger. He agreed to carry Catherine to Mr Hatch's, Warsaw, for six dollars and bear her ex-

penses. Mrs Waters wrote to Theodosia - Pursued cutting up corn - Cousin Catherine had spent the summer in Miss Eunice Jewett's school S. District.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27th Cold, icy morning - Cold, N. wind. No clouds Smoky - the sun looked yellow. Finished cutting up corn. That which was manured attained to a fine growth, well furnished with ears, but late. That which was without manure with the exception of what gew in a certain hollow crossing the W. part of the field from E. to W. was low, light stuff, bearing litl tle else than cobs & hog corn - P.M. dug 'swell ground' potatoes, which produced pretty well, amounting to about 31 bhls - Ladies fingers were poor, not quite 3 bhls. English whites in the field 140, around the corn-field 35 bushels. See p's 155-157.

223 SATURDAY, SEPT. 28 Another hard frost and cold morning. Pleas't & Smoky. Gathered scattering corn which had fall en while cutting it up. The swell-grounds were secured in the cellar, some wheat was thrashed. Father who had been sick ever sin since the preceding evening, but able to be about his business, rode abroad with uncle S. Robinson. About 3 P.M. another kind of business fell to my lot,- found Dr Swift in his meadow S. of Capt Dewey's farm busily employed with a number hands, digging large stone and building a heavy wall on the Dewey line - Did my errand, but he said he wanted to see that stone got out, pointing to a huge mass, about which they were digging and preparing to erect pries. Throwing off my coat, I immediately set about assisting to raise it out of its bed, which in the course of 15 minutes was effected. He then walked with me to his house, conversing all the way respecting the regulations he should adopt in carrying on his farm - Nine o'clock in the evening a fine healthy daughter was announced - Was anxious that it had been a son, but would not <u>murmur</u> as it was.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29 Cold freezing morning - Atmosphere full of smoke Warm, smoky, day. The mother and child doing well. The latter weighed lb 8½. Miss Lovicy Harwood & widow Waters had tarried over night, the latter having had a severe turn of the sick headache. Mrs P. Waters, Miss S. Waters, Miss C. Norton, Mr J. Rogers & T. Hills were here in the course of the day. Finished reading the 1st V. of Fergusons' Rome. See page 198.

224 MONDAY, SEPT. 30th No frost, very warm & smoky - Dry N.E. wind. In raising the stove this morning, by letting one part fall upon another, the top plate through which passes the boiler, was broke in two pieces, but did not materially damage it. A little very good spring wheat was winnowed. Stephen Harwood wok worked at repairing the cider mill, which was this day raised. Cousin Sam. began gathering apples. Rode to town, bought of Pickett 2 lb wrought nails at 20" & ¼ lb shingle do & 4 lb codfish at 6½" per lb. Mr McMaster with his lady, her son and sister, bound f for W'mstown to Georgia, Vt., where they resided, called here at noon Mrs M. was a monster, weighing the enormous weight of 354. Pastures dry, feed short.

TUESDAY, OCT. 1st Very damp, chilly, morning - Fair, warm, smoky day. Went to mill early in the day by way of Capt Norton's, whose fanning mill was carried home - p.218. About 11 J.Rogers and I reached Capt Hills to which place Capt Burt had warned his company. Before the company paraded, being invited pressingly by Mrs Street, walked up into Mrs L.Hills' apartment

where she presented me her infant son which I kissed, which was more than I had done (with) to my own child. Mrs H. appeared to be in fine spirits, agreeing with me that if our children lived, a match should be made between them. Soon after, the men were paraded and marched into the factory yard or green, maneuvered sharply awhile, then marched back to Capt H's - dismissed 3/4 of an hour - Improved this interval to carry home a book, Mes Geog'y which had been borrowed of Mr J. Hunt, Sept 1815 - At Mr H's had an agreeable chit-chat

225 with Mrs H. who walked with me into the orchard,giving me some good fruit to eat & good water to drink which I needed,as it was pretty warm and dusty, fatigueing to one to march. Felt rather ill too. Returned to Capt H's -,viewed his water-works and all his kitchen conveniences, which appeared very economical. The officers being thro' with dinner, paraded again - resumed the former station - fired 2 rounds & a piece and dismissed. Sergt Blackmer served at his post. Coming down Algiers street, saw Hiram & Henry Harwood, talked with them a moment. From Hills to McE's rode with S.Robinson & others, where they parted with me. Did business on the Hill - found no letter from C.A.Harwood - Returned 1st & took 2d V. of Fergusons' Rome - got Boston papers at the printing office - went to mill and drove home. Mr Asa Forbes and lady, with several of the Duncan's were our P.M. guests - F. & lady bound homeward. Sarah & the little babe doing well. Friend P's mind seemed to be agitated about the Squires'. Widow Waters here.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2d Warm and smoky. Went to town A.M. to get medicine for mother's cough. Spoke with Mr Bliss. Returning home, met Mr Sam. Atwood who accosted me respecting what was due him; mentioning that he understood we had raised large crop wheat,rye &c., of which he would like to take several bushels - I replied in the negative to his first assertion telling him about what I thought correct on that head - he said he would call and see my father. The E. side of the wheat-field was fenced. Sam Robinson absent P.M. in the Cave party. Sam Batt worked for us 2/3d P.M. Played the flute for the cave party to dance here this ev'g. Mr B. played very well

226 THURSDAY,Oct. 3d In the morning there were signs of rain with the w'd S. but the w'd getting N. it blew up cold and smoky. In town again for mediciene, mother quite unwell - Sarah not so well - Called at the P.O. - no letter from C.A.H. About 11 came home - Visited the turnip yard, brought away a mess of good turnips - knocked in pieces some old wood - dined. Father & Sa Sam finished the fence mentioned p. 225 - Brought down butternuts gathered by S.Batt. Late in the P.M. gathered wind-falls in the y'g orchard. Mr Parsons went to Troy & returned 8 in the eve'g.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th Raw, chilly, N. wind; Smoky, no clouds. Winter and cider apples were gathered in the little meadows. Father devoted the former part of the day to settling accounts with his merchants. He paid Lyman Patchin $9 and some cents, gave his note for $40.91 - note to Pickett $19.90 - to Swift & Hyde $5.08"

SATURDAY,OCT'R 5" Cloudy, with signs of rain, wind S. wearing away the smoke. Rained a little at night. Wind N.W. Mr Sam Atwood came here this morning to see about the $200 note which he held against father,which was given to Moses Atwood Feb'y 7 1815 He said he talked of letting his brother-in-law,Reub Wickwire,have

it towards the share which he had lately been admitted to receive of his brother's estate. When I came to write the note to be given to Mr Wickwire, Mr Atwood expressed some doubt about letting him have it,requested that the old note might
227 be preserved till the fact was ascertained,which was agreed to. But what was a little singular & amusing,Mr A. 'till now,never discovered but that it had become due last May - had been driving and dunning sharply for his pay,which with other circumstances which we were unapprised of then,made him appear prodigiously confused. "If it were so,it was his treat,for he had been told so by his brother, Paul,when it was delivered to him,and he never had examined it."

The note to Wickwire was,including interest,$219.(thus it reads My father,anxious to get it out of A's hands,to make it fair weather with him,in order that he would be induced to deliver it over to W., conformably to what was agreed upon in June,he promised to send him at Gaines' $6. Previous to his last engagement, Mr A. offered to release him from it altogether if he did not choose to do it; or in his own terms,he said he might do as he had a mind to - Very plausible - wanted to do nothing but that was right &c. At night Mr Brown paid,in a ten dollar bill,$9. for Mr Dimmick towards seed wheat and rye,which I took to go and pay Mr A. his present,as it was called, for he had no demand anyway according to law on my father. Went by way of Capt N's to get my bill changed,but failed. At Gaines' waited some time for Mr Atwood to return from town,in which time,learnt that he had actually intended to have leveled an attachment on our property,had his attorney, Judge Fay, not put him off. Left the money with G. to pay to A. and came home,but on reporting the story of the attachment (Mr) father declared he would not pay him the six dollars - ordered me to go down immediately and fetch
228 it back forthwith - Cousin Sam & I executed the order promptly,and the money was again returned to Mr B. so as to have a better excuse for not paying,if called upon next morning. The money was brought away under pretence that it was difficult to change it &c. Let us mention the business of the day. Father & Capt Norton traversed the boundaries of the Swift farm for Mr Brown & Dr Swift; who accompanied them,to decide how the farm should be divided, of which half only was bought by the Dr who takes a lease of the other till S.H.Brown is of age. Their decision was not binding - the Dr not pleased with it. Sam & I worked with Dexter Alva Rendell in Dr S's service a man of color of Adams (M's) in E.Waters employ & Capt Fay - employed by Dexter in building a sidewalk across the slough between D's & the School house. We had on our oxen; so did Dr S - Sam worked for Parsons - So few hands turned out that about 3 P.M. father,seeing how those borough-mites were receiving the benefit of others labor, ordered us away. Came home gathered some butternuts for Sam Batt, to pay for those he had procured for us. Some pikes of the poorest corn was taken out of the field for the swine. Stephen Harwood worked here at hooping barrels, mended the bed-room window.

SUNDAY,OCT. 6th Dark,gloomy,chilly,cloudy,homely weather,wind N. Mr A. this morning came to get his cash,but my father telling he should take his own time for it, he cleared out for home at Whitehall,in a great rage,saying "If you are such a man
229 as to forfeith your word,I have done with you." He had really become an odious object to us,not only so,but to all his (creditors) debtors in this place. He had treated my father ill enough. Indeed, his very countenance,being a corpulent,red complexioned large made man,carried something in it very forbidding. We were pleased to get out of his clutches. Attended to the usual task,and reading history.

MONDAY, OCT. 7th Cold icy morning - fair - wind north. Picked more Winter apples. Prepared casks for cider. J.Rogers gathered butternuts, ran ventures with his old waggon. Rode with him in P's new one to Algiers - inquired at Mr Caldwell's for an old cradle,which they said was left in Mr B's Montague house. Saw Sam Loomis at Capt Hill's - much better in health. Sam R. very busy with his fife this evening. Lydia broke her back at a great wash.

TUESDAY, OVCT. 8" Cold morning, warm day - Signs of rain,whiffling winds. Laid on a cheese,the first in my life, of 50 bushels - chiefly for our own use. Brought home 2 sheep from Mr Brown's. Mr Palmer brought home 41½ yds of cloth which he had just wove,which cousin Sam in the evening carried to Hinsdell's fulling mill.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9" S. wind,& warm A.M. A little thick and rainy P.M. Cousin Sam went to T.Palmer's with a sheep valued at $2, 1bbl cider,new,at $2 and 4 bhls winter apples at 33" per bush'l in a wag'n. Attended to the cider and gathered apples in the y'g orchard. Mr B. butchered a sheep. Rec'd a letter from Theodosia Harwood. See p.

230 THURSDAY,OCT. 10th Two thirds of the day,warmwd S - changeable towards night and some rainy in a slight degree. Came warm & clear in the evening. Gathered apples in the y'g orcard where they were mean and few in number. Sold 1 bbl old cider to Wm Haswell,at $2. In the ev'g visited Mr Brown to consult about - see p. 231. Mr T.Rice here - gaining health after sickness.

FRIDAY, OCT. 11th Foggy,damp,cloudy morning. P.M. warm,pretty cloas Gathering fruit in C's orchard,which was not over plenty. Friend Dimmick was bringing on his apples,lively. In haste early in the evening carried 4 lbs mutton to E.Waters. Lydia & Melissa there reading a letter from Mrs A.Waters,who had just written from Stockbridge. Rec'd $6 of Mr Brown on account of Dimmick as mentioned p. 227. Began writing a letter,but too sleepy to pursue it. 100½ lbs cheese weighed off for Col Merrill - 107¼ lbs including 15 lbs before delivered,for Henry Robinson, Pay Master &c U.S.A.

SATURDAY, OCT. 12" Fine weather except in the morning. Father rode off to Wilmington considerably ruffled,the ladies not paying due attention. Gathered apples - Mr Batt & his son Collins assisted from 10 A.M. till night. Cousin Sam waited upon his mother home - left $2 with cousin Uel to pay R.Wickwire for bringing 8 bushels plaster from Troy in Sept. Changed pastures for the young cattle. Heard the Band from town. Arranged papers for sewing.

231 SUNDAY,OCT.13th Warm,pleasant day. Laid away papers. Wrote letters and Journal to Gideon Smedley and R.B.Stone p. 281. and a short one to Mrs Waters,which as usual went upon light matters. These were to go by Mr Brown. Erastus Montague arrived from York State late in the evening. Mr Parsons and lady paid a short visit here this P.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 An E. storm arose,a little rainy P.M. Cousin Sam & I left gathering apples to get materials together for repairing the oven bottom. Procured bricks at Dr Swift's old barrack - Saw J.V.D.Spiegle in pursuit of the Dr who

had taken a walk on his farm. Saw the Dr's hired man husking corn which was well grown but badly hurt by the frost,smelt extremely sour. Found good sand for mixing mortar in the lane near the upper brook. 2 P.M. friend Erastus came from town in great haste, laid the oven bottom in 1 hour - Peremtorily refused pay - Dined, mounted his steed and returned to Salem. J.V.D.Spiegle brought Mrs Street here from capt Hill's to see if Melissa would go to the latter place in Mrs S's stead while she nursed his boy. But the plan would not work - M. refused going. Father arrived with Mr Ellis Doty in his 1 h waggon from Wilmington - His sheep,excepting 1 or 2 were all sold as follows - Sept 1st 19 head for $37.00 Oct 2d 13 hd for $24.92. Mr D. charged 3 cents a head per week for keeping 33 head from June 1st to Sept 1st $12.87 and for 14 head to the 14th Oct. $2.52 making in full including charges for trouble &c $15.39 Mr D. determined never to pasture more nor father to drive more sheep across the mountain.

232 TUESDAY,OCTOBER 15 Cloudy,rather warm - wind S. Rainy in the evening. Carried those letters to Mr Brown,which were written to send to Connecticut. Said he should not go till next week,wanted to wait and get his cider placed in his cellar previously. Thrashed rye this morning for Mr D.,of which he received 6 bushels - carried it to mill and had it ground. Jedediah Palmer paid $4 in advance for 2 bushels of wheat. Heman Robinson came to see about making cider at our mill,he had a fanning mill to sell for $25 - agree'd we'd have it. The 2 Batt boys worked at gathering apples with cousin Sam. My father and I thrashed wheat with horses. Had a few pleasant moments of social retirement with Sarah,but these were succeeded by those of trouble & vexation on account of omitting to charge 5 bushels rye (as it was afterwards recollected) which Mr Doty received here July 12th - 2 for himself & 3 for his son-in-law,Julius Alvord,to pay for 24 lb sugar received from the latter. Mrs Eldred who had returned from Long Island called here this P.M.

WEDNESDAY,OCT. 16th Damp & cloudy,wind unsteady,sometimes one way and sometimes the other. Having worked with horses and ourselves more than a day we gained from 10 shocks 3 bus 28 quarts winter wheat. Sam & the Batts gathered apples. Went to mill - left Palmer's wheat there - Called at gen Robinson's - looked at the fanning mill - liked it - went up Street - got the papers Saw Col Merrill who agreed to pay 12 cents a pound for his cheese and was very anxious for butter. Returned to gen Robinson's - waited for sometime to see friend Heman who did not return in time for me to see. Saw old Mr Leonard Robinson who was 80 in July. Judge R. came in & introduced me to him. They were drumming rats out of the cellar. Bought 2 lbs damaged tea at Patchins'

233 THURSDAY, OCT. 17" Rained hard from 5 till 8 in the morning,then became dark and cloudy,wind increasing from N.W. 3 P.M. a severe storm of wind and snow commenced from the N.W. and held on till late in the evening. The snow was not great vut covered the ground. Gathering apples was pursued till the storm came on A little previous to that Dimmick began making cider - I helped him instead of Champney who worked for us, but quitted it,letting C.have my place to go with father to the turnip yard,which had been visited by Swift's cattle and brought away about 1 bushel. Sam & the Rice boy thrashed wheat in the P.M. Dimmick ground about 100 bushels of apples. Mr Brown and Melissa talked together this P.M.

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FRIDAY, October 18 Early in the morning, cold, high N.W. wind, snowy on the ground - Continued wintry till 11 - Snow froze on the trees on the high part of the E. mountain. P.M. clear An hour before sundown a very harsh S.W. wind arose. Rode with moh mother & Lydia, who had suffered the tooth-ache all night, to E. Water where Dr Heman drew a tooth for her. Went on to to mill, leaving a borrowed spinning wheel at Capt P. Dewey's - thence to Gen Robinson's to bring home the fanning mill - found friend Heman in the lower kitchen engaged with his little son, perhaps 2 years old, who was playing with a drum. Heman and his man put it on board. The terms he said would be easy as to pay - agreeing it should go at $25. - would wait sometime - Told him father would call & give a note - Brought home mother & Lydia, the latter, greatly relieved. Father rode with mother to Hinsdill's, to pay him money, but they were not at home, money not paid. Sam ~~X~~ and Rice boy thrashed wheat A.M. P.M. the great apple tree at Ira's was shaken, at a hand lay. Tried the fanning mill at night.

234 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 Fine, fair, day, wind S. Snow lay in spots all day By having uncle Sam. & his son, Nathan R., finished gathering apples, except a few scatterings - They rec'd a few bushels for same and other uses. For remarks on the apples see P.243. Dimmick and Champney put up another middling cheese, had the horses to grind with. Weighed Merril's & Robinson's cheese - the former lbs 97,7 oz - the latter including 15 lbs before delivered, lbs 104 7". The Band met at Capt Norton's this evening. Young folks went to hear.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20" Fair and warm, wind S. Read Roman history, respecting Caesar, Pompey, Crassus & Cicero. Father was sick - Melissa S. went to Algiers. Sam. rode home at night. 'Damia arrived from attending a Methodist meeting on Palmer hill. Jeremy Eldred buried an infant son, little more than a day old.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21" Damp, cloudy, and a little rainy - Got corn to husk- principally from the S. field, which produced the most hard corn. A quantity was husked. Dimmick laid on another apple cheese - he had now made 22 lbs. Col Fay sent down a load of apples. J. Murphy here. The Hinsdill note, $41.67 and interest for 14 months was paid up. Capt Drake rec'd the money. $3. borrowed by uncle Jonas of Mr West when he left town in May, paid to him.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22d Cloudy, wind S. moderate rainy day. Rained hard at night, lightened. Thrashed corn in the barn. Drove home Dr Swift's cattle which had broke into the N. cornfield. Dimmick husked a lot in the P.M.

235 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23d Cloudy, wet morning - had rained in the night so much as to fill our water casks, which had not occurred since the 3d of August. Calm warm day, signs of rain - Cleared away just at night - after dark there came up a sudden thunder gust - wind hard from N.W. This day 28 years of age. The flax was turned in great haste this morning. Corn was husked and got in from the lower side of the N. field where very little of it was hard. Mr Dimmick had made 35 bbls cider, neglected the press this day to attend to his corn. Mr Saxton Kellogg arrived from Castleton arrived with an order from Clark Harwood to obtain his quota of furniture. A very lively good letter was received from uncle J. Harwood, dated, Madison (State not mentioned) Sept 15th.

Having detailed the particulars of his route byond Buffalo,states that he visited E.A.Fay at Portland - Land too dear there - Went on to Meadville - Thought it too moist - Saw Mr W.Barney - face almost covered with whiskers - trading largely. From thence retrograded to Erie,and then stretched away to Rocky River,7 miles beyond Cleveland - found that the "Good-land" was not there. Returned this way as far as Madison to work by the job,of which he speaks in high term of commendation - Corn so high that he could not reach to the end of the ear - height of the stalk - 15 feet - yielding from 40 to 70 bushels the acre. Describes the land as excellent - Makes inquiry respecting all his old friends - Calculates on returning within one year from the date.

236 THURSDAY,OCTOBER 24th Not through with the 23d. P.M. & evening the ladies received company - Misses S.Dewey, H.Booth, B & E Faxon & J.Norton from Algiers. Melissa S. E. & L. Notton & A. House from other parts. The beaux present in the eve'g were T.Hills, J.Rogers, J. DEWEY & S.Robinson Junr. All danced that would. Now for Thursday,October 24th. Flying clouds from N.W. not very cold - Chief business was husking - Uncle Clark's furniture was loaded up on Mr K's waggon. His acquittance, received & filed, in the evening. Copy of the Inventory of uncle C's share of the property made out and given to Mr K. to hand to uncle C. Had another vexatious hunt after a paper respecting a settlement with Mr Brown, which was at last found in a mess of white writing paper - Due on his own account $1.71 cents. Wrote a short letter to Dr Jonas Fay requesting him to give me the character of P. Harwood in writing - Miss House rode away this morning - Miss Booth walked to Capt N's this P.M.

FRIDAY,OCTOBER 25 Wind S. A cold driving rain set in 1 or 2 P.M. Mr Kellogg started early in the morning. Pursued work cheerfully. Stalks,with and without corn taken in - about 2 loads corn left stznding in the field. Main part of P.M. husking in the barn. Dimmick's lady had a daughter. Ichabod & John Clark 2d of Colrain,called in the morn'g. The latter informed that his father had sent back money borrowed of uncle J. in Feb'y last to McEowens' where it could be had. See p. 83 & 149.

237 SATURDAY,OCTOBER 26 A great rain ended about 9 in the morning from the S. - Wind veered to the N.W. Wet and foggy. Cloudy,rough,harsh,boisterous night. Husked in the barn. Champney here 2 Or 3 hours - then worked for Dimmick, who laid on his last cheese. Sam Batt worked for us this P.M. Widow Susan Robinson had sent on apples for making 6 bbls cider. Cousin Sam. went to town at eve., brought home 5 empty bbls, and 1 of our own from D.Clark's - the former sent by O.C.Merrill. We were all full of music this evening.

SUNDAY,OCTOBER 27th Pretty good weather - wind N.W. Arose early. Pursued usual business. Father brought news from Church that Burrel Green was published to Miss Laura Jewett. Sophie Waters having spent the P.M. here and had some accounts set down, took Lydia off with her down to Mr House's where Sophie Billing met them and made a deal of fun for the whole house - even Mr H. joined heartily in the laugh. This wedding affair was entirely new to all the old maids in the neighborhood,and they must express their feelings in their own way. In the evening looked over grand-father's papers among which were many writings drawn by Dr Jonas Fay in handsome stile. Dimmick with assistance from Champney was making the

last of his cider of which he had made about 60 bbls. Mother made a scum-milk cheese. Moses D.Robinson was married to Miss Catherine Beadhe.

238 Monday (Nov) Oct.28 Fine weather to begin with,but hazy at night 150 bushels of apples ground,laid on the press by cousin Sam!l - too perpendicular - not straw enough - worked badly, it however yielded nearly 18 bbls cider. The cornfield cleared,beans excepted,which the frost had killed. Champney here part of the P.M. - S.Batt all day. Mother and Lydia rode to Hinsdill's works,returned with cloth &c. - $15 due there - Sam Robinson Junr rec'd 10 yds black fulled cloth for $11.66"

TUESDAY,OCTOBER 29 Pleasant and warm. Rode to capt Hills with 6 bbls cider delivered to him. Saw a stove which which Mrs H. had lately fitted up in new stile with sheet iron, having a boiler constructed at the end with the convenience of drawing the water in the manner as drawing out of a large coffee pot. Informed E.B.Pratt that his hogshead was filled and it was best for him to take it away. Said he would if he could get the money to pay for it. Cushman rec'd 4 bbls cider. Cousin Sam's cheese had to be doctored closely to keep it on the press,which was effected with a sort of curb. Champney and S.Batt worked the day out. Flax taken up and brought in at one load. Sept 14th and 16th. Cousin Sam accidentally discharged my gun which had been loaded ever since training day. It started him terribly. In the evening he went to town to get his clothes cut out. Cider making pursued till past 9. Cousin S. called to inform Dr S's lady,the Dr being gone to N.York,that their cider would be made next day. She sent word not to have it made in the rain,saying that several times we had injured it in that way. Might she not as well have said that we fraudulently watered it sometimes; which was most assuredly never done.

239 WEDNESDAY,OCTOBER 30 Warm & cloudy,wind S. Made cider for Dr Swift ground 144 bushels apples which gave N B.18 24 Gal.sound cider deducting water which was put up at the last pressing by request. Father in running cider through a spout into a hogshead,accidentally lost half a barrel. Mr Roger Booth engaged to make a pair of tomb-stones in memory of the late Peter Harwood, & to receive cider and apples for pay - takes 2-2/3d bbls this season. S.Batt here again. Great wedding at Mr Jewett's this evening. Mr Butrel Green married to Miss Laura Jewett,youngest daughter of Frederick Jewett Esqr - Aged and .

THURSDAY,OCT.31st Had rained in the night. Remained warm during the day - at night wind blew from N.W. dark, rainy & cold. Dr Swift's hired man Mr Randall transported most of his cider home. Sam Robinson & Sam Batt husked together. Socrates Harwood 3 weeks from home,late from Williston arrived here. Second son of the late Eben Harwood - Left all,except his mother,well at home. (See p. 242) Carried in Parsons' new waggon three children to E.Waters' and 100 cwt cheese to O.C.Merrill & $9 do to Harry Robinson. The former paid me $12 which I handed to S.Pickett, who indorsed it - See p 226. Delivered a pot of butter to Mrs Patchin - told Babbett to credit it - there being 21 lbs. P. gone to N.Y. Bargained with D.Clark to have 1 bbl cider for writing paper - one half in foolscap - the other in letter paper - Did some business at the Post Office - In the evening began writing a letter to Uncle Jonas. October had been generally <u>favorable</u> to business.

FRIDAY, NOV. 1st Flying clouds,chilly - wind N.W, Ground 150 bushels apples - Sam. laid up the cheese. Sam Batt husked corn. Socrates rode with me to R.Booth's where we left him 2 bbls cider and received 2 empty ones - From Col Norton brought 4 more and 4 or 6 quarts of lime. Made a settlement with cousin Sam. whose term of five months would expire on the morrow noon - price $50 - He had calculated on staying till the end of Nov'r but father being much straited for money and not pressed by his business to hire help and cousin S. not coming on according to agreement the first of May - he proposed to him to quit,with this proviso,that he night board here the month out,take jobs or what he pleased,not wishing to injure him in the least. This offer was,however,disdainfully rejected - would clear out when his time ended. We had paid him $18.

SATURDAY,NOVEMBER 2d Cloudy & mild,wind S. rained at night. Busy at the press - Judge Fay present in the mor morning,very sociable - good company. Received a visit from Mr Heman Harwood,lady & little Hiram,on their way from New Lebanon to his father's in this town. Five bbls cider carried to O.W.Mer rill - 4 to Col Norton and 3 to E.Waters - Rec'd 2 empty ones to fill for Col N. and another for Col. M. Transporting this cider required 2 teams,one of which Socrates drove up. Cousin Sam. took his final leave,giving orders that his pay and some articles of clothing should be left at the P.Office. Sam Batt had worked here through the week.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3d

241 Warm,wind S. looked likely for rain. Finished my letter to uncle Jonas which was begun on the 31st of Oct. It commences by telling him how pleased I was to receive one from him - had a long time wished for it, but was not disappointed at its not coming sooner,knowing him to be negligent about writing. Next stated what had been the season and what had happened in the family,and neighborhood; that powow by the old maids, p.237, and the quantity of cider made - the complexion of crops in general. In short this letter occupied a whole sheet of letter paper comprising whatever could be recollected that would be interesting to him. The deaths of Mr Haswell, Mr E. Harmon & Mr Severance & lady were mentioned. See p. 155,181,193,201,206,212,223, 236,237. Forwarded the foregoing by Socrates Harwood to Canandagui Post Office. Jonathan Rogers wrote a letter to his parents here.

The following persons were weighed, viz:

Socrates Harwood	Lb	171
Hiram Harwood		148
Lydia Harwood		129
Sally Harwood		104
Diademia Harwood Junr		123
Jonathan Rogers		123
	Lb	798

242 MONDAY,NOVEMBER 4 Very warm - High S.wind. Struck the finishing stroke to uncle Jonas' letter. Drew a receipt for the property delivered to Socrates Harwood,being a part of the share which was allotted to the heirs of Ebenezer Harwood agreeable to my grandfather's will. Gave Socrates a copy of this receipt which is for the sum of $14.51. Made cider for Judge Fay and Parsons - the fprmer had 68 the latter 57 bushels apples. Judge F. received 7 bbls cider and 1 large bbl water cider - Parsons rec'd the other part of what we reckoned as good as 15 bbls whole cider - water being deducted. Made the water-cider by request,put

in 5 pailfuls. Dimmick and Champney worked here the A.M. - threshed 4½ bbls rye. Mother and Lydia visited at Capt Norton's. Aaron D.Robinson came here to see Mr Parsons on business. John Murphy tarried the night. Soc. Harwood steered for home this m'g.

Be it remembered that Thos C. Parsons being the possessor of two casks which he denominated half-hogsheads,which he had supposed would hold 40 Gs. To ascertain the true measurement,we, this day,put 50 gallons of cider into the lesser one,and the succeeding day filled the larger one with 52 gallons water.

TUESDAY,NOVEMBER 5 Cloudy,bordering on the wet. Wind S. Mid. P.M wind N. - mild - grass flourished some. Lawyer Squier came to see about having his cider made.

243 P.M. went to mill. Mr N. Downs rode with me there. Mr Dewey complained of his mill being smooth and grinding slow. From thence brought into the street the youngest son of Gideon Randall. Called at Widow Gov.Robinson's to inform her that we should make her cider the present week. Went to D.Clark's and the P.Office on errands respecting cider. Wm Haswell lost a beef cow,only in working order by eating too much provender,which she accidentally got hold of. Mrs Bliss and Mrs Waters were carried home - having spent the P.M. here. John Murphy returned to the furnace. Mother and Lydia rode there and received a handsome present from him in small ware. Champney sold 3 bbls cider which he had of Dimmick. Our evening singers were still heard.

WEDNESDAY,NOVEMBER 6 Great rain in the night. Wet and foggy morning - Tolerably cool - Wind N.W.. Of 73 bushels apples made the remnant of our cider,with which put in for Champney 17½ of which 11½ were gleanings from our orchards. Including what was made for Champney the total amount made for this year was 52 barrels - Sold 38 bbls at $2 which was the price at the press - Usual price for apples this season 16" but we had very few to spare. The winter fruit scarce. No Rustings nor Black Gilly Flowers worth naming - the same of R.I.Greenings and Seek-no-farthers. Those made use of were the small white apple, a few "Stomach bounds" Stomach apples, Some home made Greenings and some others made up our supply. Of cider apples "Clark's orchard" yielded the greatest quantity this season.

244 The orchard next to Iras' bld house yielded no more than 1/3d of a crop - that N. of the Castle where the cider mill stands - ¼ - apples smaller than usual and not ripe so early - rather warty, scabby and watery. However owing to our having an excellent mill which ground as fine as required we extracted the common quantity of cider,which is a barrel to 9 bushels of apples. Widow Robinson's casks arrived. Attended a little paring bee at Mr Parsons' which lasted till half past 11 P.M. A bushel and a half basket and some smaller measure being disposed of - the Russian Bell in the shape of a 3 bhl basket was dragged in,full of apples,which after long and severe application was emtied. All hands heartily sick of the game - Crowding - Neighbor Brown & Dimmick, myself, Lydia, 'Damia, Mr Grant and a softly currier, exclusive of their own family,made up the company. Jonathan returned about 10 from "Dancing School".

THURSDAY,NOVEMBER 7 Good weather. Some frosty and a little cool. Arrived in town about noon with a load of cider of which a bbl was delivered to each of the following gentlemen, Viz: Col Norton, Col Merrill, D.Clark & Wm Haswell. Agreed with the last conditionally,that he might have a hogshead of ci-

der that had been filled for E.B.Pratt for money if he would produce it. Received from Henry Robinson P.Master &c U.S.A. $12.47½ cents for 104 lbs cheese. Grumbled at the price.

245 Had calculated it would be but $10 per hund. This money I paid to Lyman Patchin,which with 21 lbs butter delivered to his lady, Oct 31st he promised to endorse on a note given to him on the 4th of sd month. Went to mill and did other business of minor importance. Past (6)4 marched to Algiers to see E.B.Pratt,but he was not at home - Told his lady that if he would bring the money between that time and Saturday night he should have the hogshead of cider engaged to him,after which we should think ourselves at liberty to dispose of it to another person. Saw Mrs Mercy Chase., - had a few moments conversation with her on my way home. Mother and Sarah went to Patchins' store on a trading errand.

FRIDAY,NOVEMBER 8 Light clouds from the S.E. in the morning. P.M tolerably clear,and quite warm; Rained in the evening. Father and mother went to Uncle Zachariah's on a visit. Brought a cart load of apples & an empty hogshead from Lawyer Squiers' - fastened oxen to the cider mill and began grinding those apples. The mill soon stopp'd by a sand-stone getting in it - Dismissed my oxen - unkeyed the mill and removed the stone. Damage not serious. Loaded the cheese which remained on the press and that completed this days work. Cousin Heman Harwood and lady staid here this night. Uncle S.Robinson came to get a bbl of cider for himself and the hogshead for W.Haswell - he only rec'd the former. Cousin S Junr & L.Fassett came with him.

246 SATURDAY,NOVEMBER 9 Weather inclining to be rough though favorable to business. Something cold,flying clouds from N.W. Began work at half past 5 - Ground 30 bushels apples for Mr Squer and 64 for Wid. Robinson. The latter sent down more casks by Mr Webster who carried home 3 full bbls. S's hogshead,which guaged 116 gs, was conveyed to him at night by me who helped him place it in the cellar. For the whole job he gave me an Albany Bank Note of $2. Heman Harwood, lady & son, cleared out for N.Lebanon. Mother, Mrs Parsons & Sarah visited at Mr N.Eldred's, Pownal. Having the old Mare and P's waggon as means. Our new neighbor in the Caldwell alias Fairchild house had our oxen to get him a load of wood. Cousin Sam. tarried the night here.

SUNDAY,NOVEMBER 10 Scowling aspect. Raw wind and flying clouds fr N.W. Peaks of the mountains white. There was a jar respecting the stove and burning wood on the hearth this morning. Busy chiefly,or a part of the day,at the cider mill. Cousin S.Robinson said he should go on his old newspaper route,collecting. Sent a note of $4.51" against A.Denio,Repert,in favor of Ruth Harwood,due in October,by him. Instructed him to hint some strong measures if the pay was not tendered. Melissa (see p.48)

247 Father went to meeting as usual. Mother followed him in the P.M. on foot, a circumstance unusual with her. All hands attended evening conference at Gen Robinson's except myself, 'Damia and Sarah. Hiram Bingham, they said, eclipsed the whole constellation of worthies who dared utter a word this night. So transcendent are the abilities of some young men in their own dear conceit.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 Snow on the ground this morning. Sour frowning weather - Sleety at night - Wind N.W. Strict attention given to Widow Robinson's cider - The house was banked. Elisha Billings Pratt's hogshead which we filled for him according to contract, but from which we now considered ourselves released, was by me transported to Wm Haswell's where the contents were drawn out and put into his cellar, being 113 Gal at $2 pr bbl to be paid in the course of a few months - Supped with Mr H. Rode home in my cart in the dark. Mr Edwin Merrill, youngest of 7 brothers, of whom 4 had been called to the world of spirits, departed this life Sunday evening, in the full exercise of his reason, perfectly resigned, - in the 22d year of his age. Possessed an unblemished character, fine talents, and winning manners. Lydia rec'd a letter from R.Harwood, dated Nov 7 See p. ~~270~~ 256

248 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 A pretty cold morning, flying clouds - cold day. Attended the funeral of our deceased friend. Mr M. preached from Eccl.1st Chap part of the 1st Verse. Addressed the youth feelingly. At Darius Clark's received the worth of $2 in writing paper - half in foolscap - the former at the rate of $4½ - the latter at $4 the ream. Agreed to let Clark have a quantity of sweet apples at 25" pr bbl. Received 1/o in letter paper of Wm Haswell for carrying him 1 bbl of cider. Called at Judge Fay's to settle about making his cider - Not within - gone with gov. Galusha to widow Robinson's. Called at McEowen's to present a receipt which read something like this - Date not recollected.

> Received, Bennington, March - 1816 of Ira Wilcox Two Dollars which Daniel Clark of Colraine borrowed of some person in Bennington (name unknown) which I promise to deliver or pay over. (Signed) Daniel McEowen.

On giving him the foregoing he took it, rent it in pieces - gave me a three dollar bill, which I went to M.D.Robinson's and had changed into 50, 75 and 25 cent bills - returned to McE's, paid him the other D

249 and pushed for home. Visited doctor Heman who seemed to be anxious to have a library established here on a liberal scale in which I joined him. Having arrived at home, examined my pocket book and found I had lost a 25" bill on the Phoenix Bank, which was all the money I had about me when I sat away from home. It put me in no small confusion, but storming availed nothing - It was irrevocably lost. Inquired at Mr hatter Clark's for Mr Brooks - he told me where he lived - then questioned him respecting an account made out against major Bowers, which it was strongly impressed on my mind that I handed to him to give to Mr Brooks, but of which Mr C. said he had no recollection. This evening was given to making out a new one. Whole amt Gave credit of $ Remained due including interest $
Mrs Camp'bl Eldred & Mrs Parsons here this P.M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 Frosty - brook froze over in some places. Fine day. Began carting manure. Broke up the cider mill estzblishment in part. In the evening carried D.Clark's apples (4 bushels) to him, to be paid in his way. Spoke for a small blank memorandum book. Found Sol Clark trading in candles as I was going up at Hicks' Store - As we were about to depart H. accosted in his bearish style - if I were not afraid to be in a republican store
250 - Said he - "Ar't you a republican? and arn't your father a republican? But he trades with Patchin who voted him down once as being unfit for being a juror." I replied - "I was <u>afraid</u> to be in <u>any</u> store, but that <u>voting</u> and <u>trading</u> were different things - If a man

traded fairly I did not care for his politics" - Left him, muttering to myself - he muttered back again - At Mr Merrill's rec'd 4 D's in cash - informed them they could have some butter here next week. Mrs M. complained of the high price which they gave for our cheese (see p. 239) At Hicks' put J.Brooks in possession of the Account vs J. Bowers, and put in his hands an order for a bll of cider paid to Luther Bliss - Signed Jacob Brooks - price of cider $2. Called upon wid. Robinson - found her in her kitchen making apple sauce - nobody with her except a little girl. Spoke in high terms of our making her cider - manifested great pleasure in paying for it. Said she had paper - but was so well pleased withnout work that she would pay in silver - and accordingly handed me $2 in specie, which paid for making 8 bbls cider including water. Called upon Judge Fay on the same business. After a long preface in which he labored hard to show the scarcity of money, he ~~produced~~ proposed as Reub Wickwire owed him and my father owed the former,to give an order for the whole am't of what

251 was due for making cider,his cider,since 1813. I told him that I did not know but that it might be agreeable to my father at the same time informed him that we did not wish to settle the old account until the return of uncle Jonas - only wanted the $2 due for the presen year. He said that it was the first time in his life that he had told a man who had labored for him that he could not pay him.

At Squires' received a jug of oil for Mr Parsons. They shewed me some handsome calfskins, lately dressed. Enquired at McEowens and at M.D.Robinson's for the Phoenix Bill - The former said he had seen nobe - the latter was not at home. Cap't R. said he'd speak to him about it - Sarah ill of a bile -

THURSDAY,NOVEMBER 14 Frozen morning. Fine day,wind S. Mr N.F.Champney worked with us for Dimmick, at carting manure Melissa Street this evening entertained us with anecdotes about Pliny D.Burnham a deaf & dumb boy, now perhaps ten years of age.

FRIDAY,NOVEMBER 15 Much rain in the course of the day - Furious wind from the S. in the morn'g, but P.M. & ev'g had a chill from N.W. - It stopped our carting business which we began on the 14th. Mr C. helped us for Dimmick 'till near mid day. Shelled a bush'l corn at night. Mr Brown, Mrs Street and Melissa all smart this ev'g.

252 Mr Jesse Marks of Whitingham lodged here.

SATURDAY,NOVEMBER 16 Pleasant - tolerably mild - wind S. To guard the winter wheat we mended the outside fence which is back of the old sugar place and ox or W. pasture - Looked to that on the S. side next to Capt Norton - Returned to the house late in the P.M. and put up some necesssry fencing near the barn - Thought we had done pretty well. Mother and Mrs Street visited at Patchins'. Mr Brown went to mill for us. Looked over and regulated Mr Parsons' account preparatory to a settlement. Rachel Bliss on c vis't here this P.M.

SUNDAY,NOV'R 17th High S.wind,cloudy & warm. Wrote jour'l and read Caesar's wars in Gaul - Riots & confusion at Rome. Elevation of Pompey before which happened the deat of Croesus. Wrote letters to R.B.Stone, & G.Smedley. A new minister preached here. See Jan'y 14 1817

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MONDAY,NOVEMBER 18 Fair and very warm, wind S. Carted Manure. S.Robinson Junr here this P.M. Returned Denio's note. Had not seen him, but sent him word that he must pay immediately. Had ill luck himself, collecting.

253 It was a down day with father - His affairs to him appeared gloomy in the extreme. Mother, Mrs Street and Melissa rode out together in a 1 horse waggon drawn by Old Jim. Went to Cardall's and all around - Laugh'd themselves, on their route and after their return, almost to death.

TUESDAY,NOVEMBER 19 The same warm wind and flying clouds which gathered thick in the north. Closed drawing out manure at 1 P.M. which was distributed on the upper part of the field W. of the barn, occupying about 1/3d of it. Remember of the P.M. at Mr Parsons' banking the N. side of the bark-house,which required plaughing; carted tanbark to bank the dwelling house. Father in the meantime built stake & withe fence and from the ruins of an ancient hogsty drew old nails. Mrs Street and Melissa at S.Scott's on a vist Returned much fatigued. Mr S. himself, here a part of the evening. Related a brief history of Loan Jewett. U.M.Robinson borrowed Guthries Grammar. Mr B'n pared apples here this evening. Mother had the tooth-ache.

WEDNESDAY,NOVEMBER 20 Warm S. wind continued. At breakfast the girls said much of Brown respecting the wid. of Fay Robinson. Mr B. butchered a 2 yr old heifer which had been fed since the first of October. Quarters collectively weighed lbs 386 - hide lb 58 and rough tallow 36 Carried 100 lbs to T.Palmer - 93 to J.Harwood, who said he'd come here in 8 days. T.C.Par
254 sons 193 lbs beef. Mrs Street had all her daughters here this P.M.

THURSDAY,NOVEMBER 21 Wind changed in the night - a great rain from N.W. - Blue flying clouds from that point. Mrs Street & her daughters, Betsey & Melissa departed from this in the morning. A part of the day making ready for Winter. Husking, P.M. Hiram Harwood 3d with his 2 eldest sisters, Miss Fanny Church and Miss Sally Blackmer - made an P.M. & Ev'g visit here. Fanny C. sang a few good songs, elegantly.

FRIDAY,NOVEMBER 22 Cold chilly air. Raw snowy W fr N.W. Father was dunned this morning at Mr Parsons' shop for money borrowed in June. See p. 152. May, not June. Laid up the cider mill. In taking down the sweep Mr W. & Mr Parsons assisted. Cider m. sweep being a good one, much pains taken to preserve it. Father at night walked to town to see if he could procure money, but failed. Partly bargained for a few sheep of J.T.Robinson. Mother braved the weather in spite of all our persuasion and rode to Mr T.Palmers. Saw the man who conveyed C.Harwood from Warsaw to Attica. He brought letters but had given them to another person to leave them at Mr F.Fasset's - she called but they were not there. J.Murphy here. Father gave his note for 25 dollars to gen. Robinson.

255 SATURDAY,NOVEMBER 23 A very searching,chilly,S.wind, prevailed. Thawed slowly. Finished, at length, husking corn which requires a remark or two. By the 28th of October we had gathered in all our corn and in husking,found it in a very green state although it had been cut up more than a month - the weather too having been pretty favorable all that time. What grew on the gravelly land produced most sound ears according to its extent; but the best was from a narrow slip in the E. part of the W. section of the north field

The E. section 2/3d's of it truly had a luxuriant growth,but a vast proportion was extremely unripe - the season being evidently too short for it - We presume we had from 4-1/2d acres 1/3d sound corn which might yield when shelled 30 bushels. (Vide P's 155, 157, 222)

Those who neglected cutting their corn by the roots with few exceptions lost it almost wholly. In packing our corn fodder in the mow the heat was so great as to damage it materially, but although so rotten in some instances as to fall in pieces if boiled, yet the cattle devoured it when given in small quantities, without leaving any.

Winter began to threaten so loudly that a few apples remaining above stairs were removed into the cellar. There was paid to J.Murphy a $5 note which he gave to uncle Jonas - dated in March 1816, which father received of the latter; and six dollars in cash - endorsed on the 49 dollar note. See p. 31

256 Walked to town, J.Murphy in company - Visited the Post Office. Put in two letters. The one I paid,the other I did not - See p.252 - Went to Cushmans' - heard Judge Robinson relate some ludicrous anecdotes of Cob. Pearl, Burlington, Vt. - Eph'm Smith Esqr being present was highly pleased. Left a verbal message from father with J.T.Robinson respecting a bargain or rather a talk of buying sheep. Came home and wrote out the greater part of a letter to Cousin R.Harwood, chiefly in reply to hers of Nov. 7th in which she states that they were in usual health - had quitted Elmgrove Factory & gone 4 miles off to Louisville where her brother C.A. had taken a school at $25 pr month - Said that he intended paying me shortly - he'd been considerably embarassed. Requested me in collecting her debt of A.Denio, (Rupert) which consisted of a $4.50" and account $3.50" to press for the whole - the latter she would receive in merchandise, flax, or wool, such quality as I should think proper - Instructed me how to dispose of the money if it could be collected; among other articles, wished to having the Bennington paper forwarded to them. She addressed herself to Lydia and says to her - "Lydia I wanted to get an apple".

257 My answer begins with mentioning past scenes in which cousin R., Lydia & myself had enjoyed great pleasure - particularly in some evening chit-chats around the stove - Then mentioned our being in good health - mothers' walking to church on foot - Sarah's babe, & its name - Next, how I understood her on the Denio business - expressed some doubts how to manage the account if I came to extremities, without her signature - promised to consult with some one; and to write him the first fair oppr'y. The succeeding part goes on to mention late occurrences - J.G. trading near Boston on $20 's worth of goods a trip - Lydia's seeing his old coat & hat in good order at ------'s - B.Green's wedding - (p.237) - and several such articles which may be found by turning to p's 236, 241, where references are made.

Likewise, Pomeroy Smith's marriage to A. Hurd.

SUNDAY,NOVEMBER 24 Snow storm from the S. Snow covered the g'd. Necessary to fodder the whole stock at night.

Called Dr Swift to Sarah's assistance, who lanced a festered breast which (being on the right) had been several days gathering and not a little painful. Went to Asa Hyde's (druggist) to get a breast pipe, While waiting his return from Church looked at his books - Read Rickerton on health - Saw Hist. of Scotland (in part)

258 Returned with s'd pipe which answered a good end. U.M.Robinson made a short tarry, supped, borrowed 1st V. of Bigland - went away about 8 - Sent the letter to cousin Ruth to the P.O. - adding in P.S. that Caleb Sharp, a man of colour, long a resident here, was dead. This man had been a tolerable performer on the violin.

MONDAY,NOVEMBER 25 Cold and wintry - between 2 & 3 inches of snow on the ground. The barn is arranged for stabling cattle. Mr Parsons came up at mid-day to grind knives - John Downs had business with him. A sorry washing day within doors. A dispute began about D's attending school this winter. In the evening read Caesar's operations in Spain. Mr Brown here this evening. Father Batt and his son Sam commenced getting wood with our sled and team.

Stock at the commencement of Winter.

	Head.
Yoke of Oxen	2
Cows	8
Two year's old	4
Yearlings	7
Sheep, Jan'y 1 1817	17
Grown Horses	3
Colts	2
Calves	4
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259 TUESDAY,NOVEMBER 26 The night had been extremely cold - the brook at the dipping place was frozen over so strong that it bore my weight. Broken clouds & harsh S. wind all day - 10 at night came on a distressing hail mixt with rain. Assisted Mr Parson to carry home his large iron kettle - talked of women's scolding, and being found fault with by others, Visited town on foot with father - made a settlement with Mr Jacob Brooks. He had sold to my father a smooth castor hat which was $7.00 Major Bowers had left with him $6.00 - add to that an order for a bbl of cider paid to L. Bliss, which left $1. over due, which was paid by Mr B. Wrote a receipt for Bowers' money and corrected mistakes in the bill delivered, to him, p.250 - which stood thus - Amount of the charge against Bowers, $90.67, if correctly recollected,and the credit of $78.59", leaving $12.08" due, but now having rec'd $6.00 there remained $6.08 due. At Hyde's bought 2 oz cinnamon, pepper and ginger, 1 lt each & a nutmeg. At Patchins' bought a mean cornbroom for 25 cents and 4½ yds green cord for Diademia. At Clark's took the half sheet Gazette. Father called on J.F.Robinson to see his sheep, but he was not prepared. Met Cob. Thompson from Wilmington in pursuit of rye.
260 Wanted to buy of us but we had it not to spare. Being asked if he knew anything respecting the gentleman who bought our sheep in Wilmington he said he did not think he had returned ffom Boston. Called at Squires' - obtained nothing - and at Dimmicks - found the man ill. Mr Brown bought a yearling heifer of Mr West for 5 dollars which we had pastured a few months for him. See p. 128 Had sold his Bull for $7.00 to Champney.

WEDNESDAY,NOVEMBER 27 Lowery, but not cold. Had some vexation in getting home the fanning mill from Dimmicks. Thrashed and fanned a small quantity of grain. Uncle S.Robinson who had butchered a cow for E.Waters brought a message from the latter that he wanted a man and team to go to Arlington the next day to bring a load of boards thence - Sent for answer that we could not go. Sold half a bush'l wheat to Hiram Hill. Mr Parsons killed his cow - grass fed chiefly. Shelled corn in the evg. J.Murphy here.

THURSDAY,NOVEMBER 28 Pretty cold in the morn'g - Mild for winter. John Murphy indorsed on the #149 note, $3 mpre. Sent Mr Champney the oxen and sled to draw wood. Mr Brown and Mr Dimmick butchered for us a small

261 sized cow whose weight in full was 590 - hide 60 - tallow, in the rough 57½ - She was known by the name of lit. browny. They likewise took down one of our three swine which had not done very well - weighed 178 - rather infirm - Helped finish paring apples - and read of the battle of Pharsalia. P. 273 - V. 5 p. 43

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 Cloudy - wind high from the S. Began to rain soak ingly from S.E. in the P.M. - continued in the night. Went to mill - from that to town across lots - Saw Judge Fay's folks butchering sheep - Ormsby there - Called at S. & Hyde's, returned the pipe which I bought on Sunday and bought another longer one which answered a better purpose. Spent an hour or two with U.M.Robinson looking at books. Went to the printing office - took 4 Columbians - Returned to mill and from thence home. Carried to Mr L.Dewey 1b 13 butter at 00.20. J.Murphy here this evening.

SATURDAY, NOV'R 30 Chilly and cloudy - wind N.W. Dr Swift called this morning. Worked at repairing the horsestable Father went to see J.T.Robinson's sheep, but would not buy at his price ($1¼) too old; tried $1 - which J.T. refused. Pursued history in the evening which related Caesars' campaign in Egypt. Cleopatra was a bewitching woman.

262 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 Snow not all carried off - Pretty cold. Mother rec' a bleeding from Dr Heman. Wrote jour'l. Read papers and perused the history of Caesars campaign in Africa. Nobody at Church from this house - Mr Brown sick - Singing school talked of. Saturday night a letter was rec'd from Theodosia Harwood, conceived in language not the most pleasing.

Dated Attica, Nov. 8th 1816

Worthy Friend:

Catherine arrived Oct. 18th Healthy - had a sick turn on the road - lasted 2 or 3 days, but arrived safe home to the great joy of her mother. The rest of my family - well. I am thankful for your kindness to her - I can never reward you for it - Not much to write - But a little about pverty - seeing that you plead it up so much. The last year - raised not half enough for my family, Had to buy the last of May, wheat at $2. corn at 20/o - do potatoes at 4/o - and spin to pay for them. This year everything is cut off, except a little wheat, barley enough to last till spring - But what I shall do, the Lord only knows - but I ought not to complain of the hard dealings of God, which are right & just - I must submit. I thought some of going down with Mr Hart, but you were so poor, I thought it not best to come. Please to give my love to Mrs Hunt and tell her that I should be glad to hear from her. If she
263 did think it best for me to come back and put out my children. Please to give my love to all inquiring friends.

See p. 222 Yours,

Hiram Harwood. Thoeodosia Harwood.

P.S. Please to write by the bearer, Mr Hurd.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2d Freezing weather - very cold night - Pleasant moonlight - Flying clouds from N.W. Drew a load of wood - first for ourselves this season- Father attended his joiner, Hiram Waters, who made some repairs about the windows and fixed a fireboard to the kitchen fireplace.. Cousin S.Robinson came up in the P.M. and with 'Damia attended Singing School at the Pound school house. Marched to Pickett's accompanied by H.Waters to his brothers, who in spite of a backload of tools played on his fife. Bought at P 1 g.molasses & 3 lbs brown sugar at 20" pr lb. Did some business

with Cushman - On the return called at E.Waters' - saw M.Street. At home read to the termination of Caesar's campaign in Africa.

TUESDAY,DECEMBER 3 A wold morning indeed O- S.wind sprang up at night. Father & I worked for Mr Parsons,having cart and oxed - covering tan oats - They were frozen over and the tan bark was thrown upon the ice. Borrowed Mr B's flute. Finished reading the 2d vol of Fergusons' Rome,which ends at the death of Caesar. See p. 225.

264 WEDNESDAY,DECEMBER 4 A keen cold day p Wind N.W. - Performed very little - made some few repairs at the barn - Father and Mother both sick - the latter sent by 'Damia who went to singing school, for Dr Swift; he being gone to Pownal, Dr Heman came down and ordered a puke. She took it, but the operation was violent in the extreme, however it had a good effect. J.Murphy here this evening.

THURSDAY,DECEMBER 5 Vermont Thanksgiving - None of the family attended public worship,although a new minister preached Mother was about house in spite of entreaties to the contrary. Sarah rec'd a new pair of calfskin quarter deck shoes. Persons present this evening at supper more than the family were - Mr S. Brown, Mr J. Murphy, Mrs Street, Melissa Street and Sophia Waters with little Laura Norton. The girls accompanied Mr Brown home and had some jovial doings at his house. He came back with them and they then had a dance. I played for them. Erastus Montague arrived in town. Middling cold.

FRIDAY,DECEMBER 6th Fine pleasant weather - Mild - Wind S. - Spent the P.M. in town - Settled accounts with D.Clark. My bill was $5. - his $4.25" - $oo.75" due.

265 Made an offer to settle with Wm Haswell but he was not prepared - Saw cousin S.Robinson at the P.O. Spoke with me about our shoemaker ; answered that he had promised to come shortly. He said he could not wait any longer for him - must have his work done immediately. Returned the 2d Vol of Ferguson - Borrowed the 3d and last - See Oct.2d p. 225. Mr Parsons visited here this P.M.

SATURDAY,DEC'R 7th Fine weather continued - Wind S. - Hauled up a quantity of old wood from the orchard. Father and friend Erastus fitted up that building, page 170. They cut up beef - salted the same. Marched with friend Erastus to town - Bought in Co "The songster's Companion" price $1.00 Saw cousin Hiram Harwood and talked with him respecting A. Denio whom he would see in the course of the next week. Mr S. Robinson 7 lady here this evening, likewise, T.C.Parsons. Read Ferguson. Lydia and Melissa visited Miss S.Waters this ev'g.

SUNDAY,DECEMBER 8th Pretty cold,but became colder at night. Perused the Roman history respecting the great ferment at Rome which succeeded the death of Ceasar - 42 B.C. - Damia & Melissa attended singing school in Algiers - S.Brown their gallant. Lydia attended Hannah Rice's

266 wedding - being married to a Mr Fenton - White Creek - the former 16, the latter 22 - Widow Polly Scott (Maiden name,Billings) was married to Mr Ashbel Noble, bachellor, on the 3d inst. By Lydia sent a letter to Denio which with his note she gave to Miss Ruhama Harwood, to be handed by her to cousin Hiram who would bear them to friend D.

Merely stated what cousin Ruth had requested, p.256, and mentioned compliments. Meant to be understood as having a sense of the

hardness of the times. Friend Erastus decamp'd this m'g.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 Threatening morning - Driving snowstorm in the P.M. & Eve'g from S.E. In the morning assisted Mr Parsons in carrying home a quarter of beef (f.quart.) which on the day it was butchered (p.260) weighed 110 lbs - now weighed 103 lb. Some old wood picked up - axes ground in the old kitchen.

Waited upon Lydia, 'Damia and S.H.Brown to singing school at the new school house - proceeded on to the hill - Read papers at friend Clark's - Bought 2 singing books at S.B.Young's on short credit - Forgot one & had to go back after it, altho' had reached the bot tom of gen R's hill. Left horse & cutter at the school house, went myself to E.Waters', stsid till school ended reading. Caroline groaning with the earache. They stopp'd for me, but went home on foot, rather than they should wait in the storm.

267 TUESDAY, DEC'R 10 Very cold morning - ground hard frozen - Cloudy - Wind strong from S. at night - Mistake - Still & Cloudy - Did nothing profitable this day. Read history in the evening and did some writing. Father ill, but roade abroad in a cutter with mother - rec'd a summons in the P.M. from Sheriff Fay to appear on the 17th inst at 9 in the morning at the Court House as Juror on the P.Jury.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11th Fore part of the day, damp slight snow. In the evening there arose a wind and rain from the S. Cut up some old wood, the mention of which leads me to state that there were standing 2 piles of good solid dry wood still standing, measuring cords. P.M. had the oxen shod at Col Norton's. Mr Loomis' had just been through the operation. While waiting for them had an opportunity to hear the Dancing Master perform and visited friend U. M.Robinson at the P.O. Ev'g read the termination of the great pro - scription of/ at Rome in which the immortal Cicero perished.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 12 Sleighing spoiled - snow mostly off. Helped thrash 5-1/8th bush'ls rye. Rode with Lydia & D to singing school at the C.House. Having listened to the dancing master a few moments - staid most of the ev'g at Clark's - Extrenely dark, rainy & muddy riding home. Read of the final destruction of Brutus & Cassius, B.C. C.Nort & S.Wat's here P.M.

268 FRIDAY, DEC'R 13th Very mild, warm day - Wind S. - Lightened from that direction at night. Set a post near the S. end of the house for the purpose of hanging horses there. Drew off the largest stone from a part of that patch of gr'd mentioned, p. 1, 141, 204. In the evening, in waggon gallanted Lydia and Damia, much against my desire, to the Algerine Academy to singing school. Found a happy retreat in the third loft of the Factory where I had good accommodations for reading, which was employed on the civil wars in the Roman Empire under M. Antony & Octavius - Thanked the man who worked in that apartment - visited the singing school and came home past nine.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 14 High strong gusts, cold wind from N.W. Carted chip manure about trees in the E. part of the N.Orchard Mrs Chandler came to buy hay - had none to sell - She staid all night. I pricked tunes in the evening and read more history - respecting the last of the Pompey's. S.H.Brown stays all night. I had his Pa's flute

SUNDAY,DEC'R 15th Chilly S.wind, cloudy with a prospect of warmer weather,but in the ev'g wibd came about N.W.growing cold - Perused that part of the R.History which describes Antony's defeat by the Parthians, and Octavius administration
269 after having overcome Leprides who lived many years despised by most of his acquaintance. Wrote as usual, besides a few lines of music and the greatest part of a letter to an old friend wherein mentioned such occurences as may be found,ps149, 155, 213, 223, 224, 257, 241, 265, 266 - an abstract or abridgment of which I do not feel disposed to give - See p. 270 - Friend J.Rogers gallanted ~~Delia~~ Lydia & D. to singing school in Algiers - He drove his horses under Mr Crossett's wood-shed from whence they either were cut, or broke away (we strongly suspected the former) and ran into the Factory lot where he found them standing in a corner, no other consequence following than the loss of a black and white woolen coverlet considerably worn - This affair happened 8 & 9, in the evening.

MONDAY,DEC'R 16th Tolerably clear and very cold - wind high,N.W. We built a good fire in the lower kitchen and ground axes - in the evening the girls went to singing school and father was in town - I had a boad cold. Mr Brown came to see us. Mr Champney borrowed the oxen to draw wood - Suppose he drew 2 loads. Mrs Chandler departed on her knag. We commenced buring that wood mentioned p. 267. U.M.Robinson tarried the night.

TUESDAY,DEC'R 17th Much milder indeed than the 16th. Wind S. Father attended County Court as juror. Assisted E.Wateds hang that great grindstone, bo't of West in the summer - took the old one to pay for (I suppose) making a frame & hanging it. Brought from Algiers thenlost blanket - See Sunday.

270 WEDNESDAY,DEC.18th (Dry and very cold, Wind N.W.) Not so - Calm with wind S. or S.W. in the A.M.,but at eve. it veered about N. Clouds thick and smoky. Cut up a smallish bass tree and drew it home. I intended going to town, but gzve it up, being too late before I could get away ready. Mr Brown played on his flute here this afternoon.

THURSDAY,DEC'R 19 Still,but cold air - Wind N. - Thrashed 4 shocks of oats and visited towh about sun-set. Made a short tarry - Entered that letter written on Sunday; no one at the P. O. - Being strongly beset by friend Parsons who was wishing to accompany me home, went into court, but immediately made my way out again - Spent the ev'g read'g the Romas History respecting the person & family of Augustus Caesar and the greatest part of the Life & Adventures of Joshua Penny, of Long Island. Dama attended singing school. Our shoemaker arrived P.M.

FRIDAY, DEC.20th Cold morning,with white frost,fair,fine day. 22½ lb soal leather received of Mr Parsons. Winnowed through the mill which Lydia turned, 8 bhls oats - thrashed half bushel English beans - Nath'l R.Locke arrived here in company with Mr N.Eldred & lady. We were much pleased at seeing the former - expecially the elder part of the company, on account of his lately having become a Christian. Father found a traveller on horse back who appeared from his talk to be poor & destitute
271 of cash, bound to Windsor, Ms., whom he invited home with him. A very suspicious looking woman likewise tarried here - said she came from Manchester and was going to Williamstown and thence across the Mountain - Her answers were all studied abd ambiguous - Called herself Mrs

Weatnerby - having 8 children - her eldest, a daugher - 22, and youngest 5 years of age - Our gentleman had been to Arlington to redeem a lot of land which he possessed on the G.Mountain in Stratton,that had been sold to pay the taxes on it . Said his name was Parker. Went to Dr S's for mother - called at Mr B's - played the flute a sh short time. Heard Mr Dimmick tell a French story of an intended rob bery and murder in Paris, which was curiously detected - he said likewise that gen. Josiah Wright, who on the 16th being started in his carriage with his son to attend the county court as first judge, his horse was afrighted, ran with the carriage and he thinking to save himself threw himself out,in doing which he received several dreadful wounds, was not likely to live. Read a little of history and pricked a tune for H. Waters.

SATURDAY,DEC'R 21st A very dry cold day - Wind N.W. Scraped up a light load of old rail stuff for fuel in that pasture spoken of p.173 - and raised what rails there were there from the ground to prevent their rotting - Gave good attendance at the barh - Friend Locke spent most of the P.M. here - took off my beard. He went to his brother
272 Robinson's - I went to the tailor's, Mr Fuller's, but he was not at home -Called at E.Waters' - H.W. let me have Ohio march to prick off for him. Our guests this morning departed between 9 & 10 A.M. The man in his softly style said, while waiting for breakfast or about that time, alluding to the roughness of the weather, "That he had as lief be here as anywhere this morning" (Wrote) He asked me if I would sell him a bushel of rye for a hard dollar. I said no. This was having no money. He returned no thanks at his departure. Wrote an order in favor of T.Palmer on Patchin's store to the amount of 8 shillings.

SUNDAY,DEC'R 22d A cold night and morning followed by a cold day, but not so severe as the preceding day. Employed in reading newspapers, writing journal and pricking off tunes. Mr Locke and friend Jonathan R. arrived with the girls from singing school, Algiers. The former tarried the night.

MONDAY,DEC'R 23d Mild,pleasant weather - Wind S. -Felt dull and low spirited. Drew 1 load wood - Did a little at chopping. Read the history at night respecting their irruption of the northern nations in the time of Augustus and the termination of his reign, year of Rome 766.

273 TUESDAY,DEC'R 24th Warm and mild - Wind S. - Prepared for attending Court,but meeting father on his way home, Jury being dismissed, wheeled about and marched with him into the woods, where we worked till night. The jury returned a verdict against Mr Calvin Bingham and in favor of Gustavus Walbridge. It was a dispute respecting about 10 acres of land which the former bo(t of Henry Walbridge a minor and paid him for it, but he died before he was of age so that by law it would pass to his heirs. But my father felt quite dissatisfied with the decision, because it afterwards appeared to him that Mr B. might have held the land except a small part by possession. Mr Richard Mellen died on Monday evening in the year of his age.

WEDNESDAY,DEC'R 25th Wet,dark,cloudy,and warm. Messrs Dimmick & Brown assisted at butchering 2 swine, the weight of which was 231 and 239 - My history introduced me to the deceitful and cruel Tiberius. P. 261, 273, 346.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 26th Mild, thawy and cloudy - Stormy night. Drew 1 load of wood. P.M. assisted by father, who had been in town and bought sheep of J.T.Robinson, mended the wood road twhere it crosses the dry brook the first time.

Read of Tiberius and his bloody minister Sejanus.

274 FRIDAY, DEC'R 27 Dark and rainy - Wind in the P.M, N.W. Assisted Mr Parsons a little about filling his vats again. See p. 263. Visited Mr Brown, who talked with me on a private subject and treated me with apples, cider & red cherries which had been soaked in rum. Father had to be in town again for J.E.Robinson, who wanted him for an evidence, but nevertheless was not called up.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 28 Pleasant and fair - Wind N.W. Settled books with Mr T.Palmer, whose account was $22.80 Difference of $2.51" for which he rec'd an order on L.Patchin - Went to town - Returned to E.Young the 3d and last vol. of Ferguson's history of Rome, looked at the Court. Borrowed Chateaubriand's travels of U.M. Robinson and did some business elsewhere and came home. Mr John Harwood finished his tour of shoe-making here Friday eve. amounting to $5.58". Father sick this day.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 29th Having been cloudy all day and appearing likely to snow, there was a sudden squall in the evening which ended extremely cold. Wrote the usual task - read the traveller ~~of~~ in Greece who visited the ruins of Sparta at Misitra. Looked at the history of Greece in Bigland. The girls attended singing school. Locke came home with them.

275 MONDAY, DEC'R 30th Clear and pretty cold - Wind N.W. Father considerably recovered from his late illness. Went with to town to drive home 12 sheep which had been bo't at $1.25 per h'd of J.E.Robinson to be paid in the autumn of 1817. Got measured at Fuller's for a coat & pantaloons - Got papers at Clark's - Saw friend E. Brewer. In the evening read Johnson on the Compensation Bill and Chateaubriand to his arriv'l at Corinth. Champney had the oxen & sled to draw two loads wood - Concerning the sheep - see V. 5th p. 116 .

TUESDAY, DEC&R 31st Chilly in the morning - mild day - wind S. We threshed 3½ bushels spring wheat which was all that remained in the barn. Chateaubriand enters Athens. Sam Batt had the oxen to draw 2 loads wood.

'Damia goes to school to S.H.Blackmer.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 1st A fair Summer's day - Wind S. We threshed 82 shieves winter wheat and obtained but 1 bhl & 12 quarts grain. Measured the shadors of the barn, the height of which is about 24 or 25 feet, at noon and found it in length 15 paces and 6 inches. Suppeed at Mr Parsons' where Sarah with her child had made a visit. We returned thence about sunset, the child crying all the way home. Mr P., lady & others attended Dancing school. Shelled corn this evening. Lydia & 'Dam attended dancing school.

276 THURSDAY, JAN'Y 2d Another fine day - a little more chilly than Wed- desday. 2 small loads wood drawn. My father car ried mother abroad, went to mill - Left in cash with Col Merrill and agreed withnhim to pay his direct tax which amounted for this year to $ - Col. M. owing $8.00 towards cider - See Nov. 1st - News was rec'd that gen Josiah Wright departed this life at gis residence in Pownal on the eve of the 1st inst in the 65th year of his age. See p. 271. Read Chat'd's account of the ruins of Athens & his general remarks on Greece - Father & the girls attend singing school.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 3d Signs of a storm - Wind S. - Felt not so smart as usual - A little done at chopping - Wrote or commenced writing a letter to uncle Jonas. Father had his horses shod. Mr Brown, Mr & Mrs Dimmick here in the eve'g - Mr Doty arrived from Wilmington. Felt lively and danced much. Mr B. had his flute here, on which he & I alternately performed. A settlement of accounts took place. His charges were, for pasturing principally, $ 15.60 and ours $9.82 - leaving due to him $5.78", of which he rec'd 5 bushels rye at $1.00 pr bhl, which we borrowed of Dr Swift. Mr Doty received on the 12th of July 2 bushels of rye at 7/o pr bhl, which it was his belief that he paid for at the time, but father could not recollect receiving it and I made no minute of it, therefore 1 bushel was charged, to stand so till better remembered.

277 SATURDAY, JAN'Y 4th Very wet and rainy - Wind veefed to N.W. - at night blew a high gale. Walked to Mr T.Palmers' to carry 2 skeins woolen yarn. By the bye, my journey proved an unnesessary one. Returned by way of Capt N's where I made a visit with the flute - Nearly dark when I reached home - Father & Mr D. had been in town - The former left with U.M.Robinson a $20 bank note to hand to his brother Samuel Jun towards his 5 months service here, which end ed Nov. 2d. Had now paid him $48.45½" since that period. Practiced music - read newspapers this ev'g.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 5th High cold wind from N.W. - Hobby walking Mr Doty cleared out for Wilmington this morning. Finished writing a letter to uncle Jonas. Mentioned some of the contents of that which was sent him on the 4th of Nov - that we were in usual health - that it was my opinion or the general opinion thst hay might be had as cheap here in the Spring as in Fall - that if we must finally quit the "Castle" we should prefer Madison to any place we had heard of. Gave an account of Gen Wright's death; that of Richard Mellen & Mrs Elizabeth Jewett (see p. 182). Made remarks on the County Court which went to show that in the absence of gen. W. it lost credit Mentioned marriages (P.266) A few words about Mr B. & Wid. S.R.
278 Read Chateaubriand's travels from Smyrna to Constantinople. Of the latter place he writes a ludicrous description. The girls attended singing school at the C.house. Mr Locke was up this evening.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 6th A strom arising - Wind S. - Cloudy. Early in the morning visited Mr Brown's - ate apples - brought

home a piece of the Godfrey chain. Threshed rye. Continued Chateau'd from Constantinople to Jaffa. Our small haystack half consumed. E. mow broached.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 7th Cloudy and mild. Variable winds. Threshed rye. Melissa arrived here - see p. 253 - My traveller visits the Jordan and the Dead Sea, Oct 5th 1806

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 8th A slight snow this morning, a mere flurry. Threatening to grow colder. Finished threshing rye and in the evening attended Mr Balls Dancing School. Had a wish to have conducted Sarah or the girls there but as Mr B. had proclaimed that none but those who had children in the School and their friends or those that patronized the institution, would be admitted, they supposed it would be useless to attempt the thing. Obtained admittance by means of U.M.Robinson who furnished with a ticket - entering beside his sister Polly.

279 Relished the performance very well. It was curious to see so much uniformity in their movements as well as to hear Mr B. give out orders and direction while performing on the violin. Mr Parker from four corners was assistant musician. There were many spectators so that we were badly crowded. Capt Hicks stood next me - Said he had six children there - Capt Steb. Walbridge had three - Capt D. Henry one - The operation continued till past 9.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 9th Cloudy and calm. Winnowed the rye. 33½ bushels. Father and the girls attended singing school. Borrowed Mr Brown's flute - Saw Mrs Parsons visiting at Mr Dimmick's - was urged hard to bring on my lady and join company - promised to solicit her attendance and accordingly did, but the babe was ill, could not go. Played the flute and read a dry debate on Mr Pickens' proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 10th Wet and unpleasant - wind E. or S.E. 'till late in the day when it veered N., grew cold. Threshed Wint. wheat. Mr Richard Wallaben from Fredonia, Chautauqua County, N.Y. formerly of this place, came to see me - a ~~physician~~ musician of no ordinary capacity.

Spent more than an hour with him, talking of the Western country He informed that Barnet Dixon worked for him last season at $18.00 pr month - spoke highly in his praise. See p.86. In the evening arrived Mr Rufus B.Stone, son Chauncey & G.Smedley last from Litchfield Ct in 2 days. Explain letters ps 252, 200, 209

280 SATURDAY, JAN'Y 11 Worked hard in the A.M. at Winnowing through the mill nearly 2½ I would say 2¾ bushels winter wheat - very full of grass seed. P.M. father brought home a stray sheep from Capt Norton's - took in three from among Mr Browns' - making in all 17 - Entertained our Connecticut friends, Mr & Mrs Parsons P.M. & evening. Read Chateaubriand on Jerusalem. Wind N.W. Cold & cloudy.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 12th Very cold and hazy wind N.W. Wrote Journal and pricked off "There's 3 good fellows &c" for Dixon Mr Stone, Mr Smedley, Jonathan R., Chauncey S. dine here. Father this day aged 55.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 13th Cold morning - more mild toward Eve'g. Spitted snow - Wind S. Early in the morning proposed to Mr Parsons to settle accounts, but he was not ready - wanted to wait till his Connecticut friends departed. Invited me to accompany him

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and them to Pownal. They however did not proceed in that direction. Father and I thrashed oats. Chauncy accompanied me to town; took occasion to give him some necessary advice. Procured newspapers at Clark's. Took out a letter at the P.Office from Dr J.Fay, giving a short account of my ancestry and the character of my Grandfather. (See p. 236) Dated Dec. 29th 1816. Made a dry visit at Mr Parsons' with Sarah where friends Stone & Smedley joined Mr P. in play ing at cards.

281 Set by myself and read papers. To Mr Brown and Mrs Bliss were consigned either of them 1 bushel of wheat.

TUESDAY,JAN'Y 14th A very cold morning and none of the warmest of days - Wind dry from N.W. Began threshing oats. Being invited - took a walk with my brothers. Mr Stone and I fell in the rear going from Parsons' across lots towards Algiers which gave me an opportunity to talk about his son Chauncey's living with me. He desired me to treat him in the same manner I would a child of my own, which I agreed to. In short we agreed upon those terms which I made in my two letters of Aug. 25 and Nov. 17th, which were, if I rightly recollect, to clothe him decently, give him 3 months schooling annually, till he were old enough to go to a trade and if it should appear that he had earned more at the end of that period, it should be given him, - with this proviso, that if he became distented, or I disliked, or found him not suitable to my purpose I might send him home. Mr Stone in this conversation said I might keep the boy till 16 years of age. We made our first stand at Capt Hill Something was had to take, of which I did not taste, but retired to the room E. the bar-room. Here I found Miss C.Norton caressing young Mrs H's little George while she and her mother-in-law were washing. Mr Lorenzo Fassett was present and obliged the company by playing on the flute. Remained here till my friends had taken a peep into Williams' - after which we travelled on to McEowens' where the same stimulus was again applied, but of which I refused any share. That poor object, Tom. Fessenden was there, two thirds
282 intocicated wishing anxiously to procure a span of horses on which he proposed to ride,standing with a foot placed on either horse,for the purpose of obtaining a few cents in cash. Friend Stone seeing how the case was with him,informed that he knew of a span which he might have, meaning those belonging to friend Smedley, a very sorry looking couple indeed. Their conversation soon became warm, but finally ended as it began in nothing. My chief amusement was reading newspapers during this halt. When Mr P. had finished what he wanted to say to his friend S.Scott he gave the rallying word or phrase - "Let's clear out for some house" , and immediately we departed, steering to the barber's, it having been previously concert ed amongst the three to go there and be shaved on the strength of 3 six cent bills not current here. Being arrived there the bills were presehted and the bargain struck. Mr P. at first sat down and had his face scraped; in the meantime telling Mr Gabey that Mr Stone had lately arrived from the State Prison, making for himself much amusement at his friends expense. Next sat dowb Smedley and after him froend Stone with whom Mr G. had a friendly chat in which the former cleared up his character, informing him that Mr P. and myself married 2 of his sisters. Here I found among some ill-looking caricatures, B.O.Tyler's "Monument of Washington", which I took pleasure in viewing. From this place the company adjourned to Cush mans' where they had not long been when the honest old barber, who as I am informed, could not read, presented himself, praying in handsome terms to have them receive back their bills and replace them with such as were current here. This led to a long gingle with

283 which I shall not encumber my pages - Suffice it to say that my Southern friends paid him five cents a piece. I cleared out, with my pockets filled with newspapers, ere they had ended the mighty wrangle. Mr P. this evening very lively, Danced much. Read the Com pensation report. A degenerate thing. The last public house we left was the State Arms.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 15 Fair and pleasant, wind south. Thrashed oats. Mr Wolleben paid us a visit, playing on Judge Fay's violin both P.M. and evening. Friend Parsons had the brethren with him this day - All came to our house at eve and Mr P. shewed much dex terity at dancing. Mr Reuel Harvey staid out the ev'g, his visit being for the purpose of handing me a letter from cousin David Stone which he lately had brought from Canada, dzted Farnham, Dec'r 1816 informing that his fathers people were all well, that his brother Nathaniel had removed to Bainbridge, Tioga Co., N.Y. and that it was some time since they had heard from his brother Isaac, wished me to immediately write what I new of him. Stated the reason such as may be found p. 171 to 173.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 16 Wind high and chill from the S. Likely to storm A small flurry came in the morning. Our Connecticut friends stzrted for Litchdield in a double waggon about 8 in the morning. Laughed at Smedley about his tattered harness & ill fed raw-boned horses (See p.279) Nearly finished thrash'g oats Rec'd pap'rs at night.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 17th High S.wind - Commenced snowing moderately in the A.M. Beginning of the evening came down smartly from S.W. - soon after it rained, became a thunder shower at 9 or 10, several loud bolts were heard and before the wind chang ed N.W. ground covered with snow fit for sleighing.

284 Finished thrashing oats, of which had at this winnowing 93 bush els - 62½ being carried into the garret - Suppose in the whole there were about 54 shocks which yielded 109 bushels from ~~a~~ 2 acres of ground - the grain of a good quality and heavy. See p.141.

Chauncey stone began going to school to S.H.Blackmer on the 14 th. I put out a lesson to him in the Dictionary which he spelled tolerably - 13 years of age in March 1817 - Took up Chateaub'd again this ev'g - Still in Palestine.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 18 Wind high from N.W. - new snow wet and uncomfort able - very cold at night. Chauncey and I removed a large quantity of straw from one part of the horse-stable to another. Father went to town, paid his town tax which was $9.00 Rode in his cutter to see Reuel Wickwire, who was not at home, proceeded to S.Scott's whence he brought Melissa Street. Mother very ill of a bad cold. Dr S. had paid her 2 visits.

SUNDAY, JAN(Y 19th Very strong and high wind from N.W. cold indeed. Indolently read Chateaubriand, who still remained in Palestine. The girls, accompanied by friend Locke, J.Rogers & young Chauncey attended singing school at the Court House, this very cold night. A letter to Ethan A.Fay which I wrote about these days is in reply to his of July 1st., p. 187 - Did not require further proof of the goodness of that part of the country. The main subject on which it treats is the decayed situation of the old Fay farm and reference had to persons who formerly lived in this neighborhood. It was put into the hands of Richard Wolleben to be conveyed to E.A.Fay Portland, N.Y. Wrote a short letter to Dixon - See p. 86 and 278.

285 MONDAY, JAN'Y 20th A kind of hazy,tolerably cold day. Jonathan Rogers came up to have sport with a 2 year old colt which we haltered the first time. Behavior decent considering circumstances. Father went to mill - I chopped some wood. Some regulations took place at the barn - Mr Wickwire came to see father in the early part of the evening to talk of that note given him,p.227. Said if we could pay him $50.00 previous to the first of June he should not require more at present. Jonathan and Chauncey attended the ladies singing school, Algiers.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 21st Cold - slight snow. Thrashed barley. Lydia and M.STREET visited at Pliny Dewey's. Mr S.Robinson here this evening - agrees to go to Troy and transport our barley, we were to furnish one horse - at half the expence.

WEDNESDAY,JAN'Y 22d Very cold,pretty clear. Wind N.W. Fanned the barley of which there were 23 bushels. Badly chilled,riding to mill. Read Chateaub'd 's voyage to Egypt.

THURSDAY,JAN'Y 23d The cold continued intense till near mid-day. Grew more mild P.M. In the eve'g a harsh S.E. snow & hail beat against the windows. Treiding wheat constituted our business - uncle Sam Robinson took our Doty mare & 21 bushels of barley to (carry) go to market, late P.M. Spent the eve'g with Jonathan and Chauncey at P's shop reading newspapers - Phillips Oration &c.

FRIDAY,JAN'Y 24th Snowed from S.E. & N.E. till past noon - P.M. wind N.W. not very cold - Had S.H.Brown's colt to thresh wheat with - Mr Brown visited here this evening. Said that Theodosia Moore,York State had a young son - See p.20th - Chauncey not at school. Chateaub'd had a voyage of 40 days tempestuous from Egypt to Formosa.

286 SATURDAY,JAN'Y 25 Moderate weather - Wind S. - In the eve. N. Continued treading wheat - had S.H.B.'s pony. S.ROBINSON jun brought home the Doty mare and tarried all night. Chateaub'd commences his history of Carthage. Chauncey who was not very well attends school.

SUNDAY,JAN'Y 26th Extremely cold from N.W. particularly the evening Pushed my writing and read the Columbian. Friend E.Montzgue who commenced boarding here the preceding day, waited upon the ladies to singing school at the C. House.

MONDAY,JAN'Y 27th It continued cold. Assisted some by Erastus we worked at fanning wheat.

TUESDAY,JAN'Y 28th Very severe cold. Compleated fanning with the mill 21 bushels winter wheat - Went to mill and returned Judge Fay's fiddle - See p.283 - Read the conclusion of Chateaubriand & some part of his appendix. Julius Alvord arrived fro from Wilmington. Said Mr Doty was sick of a fever.

WEDNESDAY,JAN'Y 29 Much more mild than the preceding day. Commenced treading out wheat again. Julius Alvord rec'd and paid for 8 bushels rye at 8/o & 3 do Wheat at 13/o per bushel. and 1 bushel apples at 50". Mr S.Robinson Sr came in the evening and paid over $20.87½ or about that sum,to which the barley came in am't, being in weight 21 bush'ls 26 lb at 7/6 York - $1 paid back for expence.

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287 THURSDAY, JAN'Y 30 Clear but pretty cold - Bright moonlight, and very cold Evening. Finished threashing wheat which except a small quantity of corn compleated that business for this season This evening rode to Waters' with friend Erastus on my way to town, he being to gallant Mrs W. to our house where she made a short vis't. In town at the Post Office in conjunction with uncle S.Robinson (acting for my father) employed employed Col Merrill to write an epitaph for my grandfather's tombstone - Saw Chamber's Dictionary, a kind of Encyclopoedia, which I perused a little under the article Architecture Called at Swift's & Hydes', found there my friends Levi Jewett & Horace Dimmick, who were waiting for B.Green with whom they would return in a sleigh - said I might ride with them, which I did - We had some amusement in hunting up the definition of those hard words in Magic Table - Webster's Spelling book. Mr Brown started for Connecticut late P.M. Chauncey received the company of S.H.Brown & E.W.Swift.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 31st It continued rought cold weather specially near night. Worked at winnowing wheat. Mr Smedley (Levi Sr) with his daughter Irene and a Miss Gregory called here about 8 in the morning on their way to Hinesburg, Vt. He said they had raised from 15 acres 300 bush'ls spring wheat. Rather dull this eve'g - read Bigland on Arabia. The first cut of the E. haymow was consumed, but more than 1/4th of the stack remained - See p.300 - one pile of wood remained entire besides some more.

288 SATURDAY, FEB'Y 1st Wind strong from the S. with a slight, although tedious snow, it softened the air greatly, became calm in the evening. We finished winnowing wheat this morning of which there were from 14 acres only 78 bushels, to which add 9 more of spring wheat and it amounts to 87, all that was grown by us the past season. See Farm Register for 1816. A small quantity of corn was thrashed out, which compleated threshing for this year. Went to mill and gallanted Miss Lovicy Harwood to Eb Chase's Jun., she having paid us a friendly visit. Mr Jeremy Eldred, with his lady, also Mr Duncan & lady paid us a very agreeable visit. Damia attended singing school at the meeting house - friend Erastus chopped wood at Parsons' door. Chauncey, unwell.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 2d Mild, hazy, more calm than it had been for many days Good sleighing for the small quantity of snow which had covered the ground since Han'y 17th. Read Bigland on Assyrian History. Puzzled over some arithmetrical questions also along with friend Erastus. Mr Carpenter introduced his singing school into the meeting-house. Father wiaited upon the girls to singing school at the Court House.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 3d Pretty cold and hazy from N.W. Timber for a sled runner and tongue was sought out and brought home Father went to town and took up those notes given Oct. 4th See p.226 Jonathan here several times in the course of the day. Sophia Waters tarries all night.

289 TUESDAY, FEB'Y 4th Very cold indeed from N.W. & a most severe night. E.Wate5s hewed & framed in a runner and tongue to our ox sled - the latter was a poor one. Did writing for Sophia Waters, whose account agreed against Luman Norton amounted to upward of $17.00 - held a note against him of a little more than $19.00 She this day took up at Pickett's on fathers ac't $7.65 and at Patchins, $1.28" - in full $8.93 which was deducted out of her note of $19.00. A note was then giver her, due 1 year from this date, of $11.50" which I signed my own name to. Finished reading the Historical View of Turk

ey in Asaia. Mr Parsons here this evening hatching a sleigh-ride to Arlington.

WEDNESDAY,FEB'Y 5th Most extremely cold this morning, cold & clear all day. Father,Mother,& having taken a cider,Lydia, 'Damia and myself proceeded in the cutter to Capt Perez Harwood's where we tarried till past 9 in the evening - enduring much from cold although great fires were constzntly kept up. Saw cousins Hiram & Nathan & their ladies - the former had been dressing flax. He returned to me that note mentioned p. 265 Said,friend Denio, to whom it had been presented - desired to pay the demand, but having had ill luck the past season, losing 2 cows & 5 calves by distemper,and another cow of which he lost the use,being obliged to sell her for $9.00, and a large family to support, left him no means
290 whereby he could pay it except in fulled cloth,which cousin H. did not think himself authorized to receive. At Mr H's a few young people of the neighborhood came in, among whom were Mr Henry Mellen, school master, Mr N.R.Locke, Mr Boardman who had considerable difficulty to make me recollect him, and Mr C. Harvey. Mr B. had been a journeyman to Mr Parsons in August. At home we were informed that Mrs L.Hills, Mrs P.Norton, Miss C.N. & Miss S.Waters had tarried here the P.M. The Columbian had a debate, or sketch of a debate, on the Bill to prevent our citizens from selling armed vessels, &c.

THURSDAY,FEB'Y 6th Variable weather - Calm & moderate. Began drawing wood - 2 loads - Lydia visited at Capt Nortons'. Assisted Chauncey at reading Astronomy. Uncle S.Robinson came down to inform us that he would start the next day for Troy - Dr Swift who came to visit Mother rode home with him.

FRIDAY,FEBRUARY 7 Mild and rather thawy - cloudy, wind S. Friend Erastus worked with us at getting wood, of which there were drawn 4 loads. Mr Brown arrived from Connecticut - See p. 287 - Uncle S.Robinson came in the evening and took 16½ bushels wheat to carry to Troy, having our young mare,Nancy 2d,for a part of his team. 10 in the evening Jonathan, Lydia & Damia arrived from House's. Read Astronomy.

291 SATURDAY,FEB'Y 8th Mild, still, except a slight breeze from S.E. A thaw is expected. Dred 4 loads of wood assisted by Erastus who chopped. In felling a hollow beech he routed nest of flying squirrels of which he supposed there were 15, one of which for curiosity's sake we killed and brought home. Father was a little unwell, did choars at the barn, chopped wood & helped unload. Mr Martin Scott who with a friend had been hunting, brought down Mrs Street and her daughter Melissa and Lucy for an evening visit. Melissa tarried the night.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 9th Cloudy and a little snowy - Wind south. Lydia rerefused going to church, much against father's wish. I read Historical View of the Turks & performed the usual task at writing. Albert Osborn with a young lady paid us a short visit - came out in a sleigh. S.Waters came up to prepare for Arlington. Melissa Street departed for Algiers.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 10 Beginning of the day rather thawy, but there hav having been a few snow-squalls - the after part of the day, cold. Bright northern lights. Friend Erastus & I drew d lds w'd. Father went to see uncle S.Robinson who had arrived from from Troy where he disposed of our wheat at 19/6 York, it weighing 16 bhls,16 lbs receiving in full L 15.16.10 Y'k currency.

In consequence of a few swine running in the highway at Hoffman's our young mare took affright which caused him considerable trouble. Paid him back $9.

292 Mrs Peggs, a cousin of mine, from Rome,with her 2d son Archibald, youngest daugher, of 10 months and Mrs Patty Stone,and her daughter Rachel, tarried here this night. Mrs P. left her husband at home with a broken arm. Said that Elder Stark was in usual health, but his consort continued in a low state in consequence of the paralytic stroke which she rec'd in June or sometime in the preceding year.

Mr Norman Judd, a potter at Rome, N.Y. had had his shop burnt down lately. I wrote him a short letter touching that and other affairs - Informed him how his old friends the Norton's were doing - that they had bought the Atwood farm, &c. S.Waters makes great preparations for Arlington.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 11 Fair, clear, and pretty cold. Friend Eras's and I drew 4 loads of wood. Our New York friends quitted us for Pownal - young Peggs, an active, springhtly youth of 19 or 20. Sam'l Robinson Junr and 'Damia arrived from Pownal Singing Lecture. Read Persia in History.

WEDNESDAY,FEB'Y 12th Pretty cold,and rather snowy - Cold night. Erastus and I got 4 loads of wood. Father paid to Reuben Wickwire, by the hand of his son Uriah, $40.00on that note given him in October - p.226. Tim Palmer presented a due bill of 3 dollars 26 cents given April 16th 1810 - several settlements having been made since.

293 Mr Gates Doty, with a friend whose name he said was Stone, from Salem, N.Y. called in the P.M. and staid all night. Mr S. bore the appearance of having taken too much strong drink. The Smedley's of Williamstown on their return from Hinesburg stopped a moment near night.

Mrs Patty Waters & Miss S. Waters visited here this P.M. Chauncey arrived in the evening with my papers.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 13 A severe searching wind prevailed from the S. Snowed slightly - Friend Erastus and I drew 4 loads of wood. Mr Doty and his friend made off in the morning.

U.M.Robinson Esqr had a sing here in the evening. We expected rain, next day.

FRIDAY,FEB'Y 14th The coldest day experienced here this winter. No out-door work was carried on. Father oiled harness. Friend Erastus made rockers to the cradle and butternuts were cracked. Friend E. and I sat out for town about 4 P.M.,but it was so cold that we went no further than Brown & Dimmick's where we found low fires and a crying child. Mr D. said he had frozen his nose.

An elderly gent'n from Newton, C't - drover - called on Mr Brown on his way to Ferrisburgh. Mother and Sarah were incredulous to the amazing severity of the cold - The former thought me very unkind because I would not gallant her to Patchin's store.

294 SATURDAY,FEB'Y 15 Friday night had been a trmendous cold one,and this day, although more mild than the preceding was, nevertheless, severe - Fair yellow sky - Friend Erastus,Sarah & myself rode on business to town - Borrowed Aiken's Letters of S.B. Young - Saw Capt Dyer and an elderly lady doing business with him. Capt Abel Dimmick & lady, Obadiah Dunham & lady, and H.Dimmick & lady, paid a visit here this P.M. Mr Gideon Gifford with his sister Betsey and Miss Polly Waters tarried all night here - Likewise Mr N.R.Locke.

We received a letter from uncle Jonas,dated Madison,O.,Jan'y 14th 1817, by which it appeared that neither of my letters had reached him. - See P. 241, 247 - 277 - He had been unwell, was unable to work - his physician told him he would recover. Calculated, if he could ride to visit Asa Doty, in Warren (O). Mentioned its snowing there several days successively, being in depth about 2 ft,which was the deepest they had known - Was as highly pleased with the country as when he wrote in Sept. Said father might by going there double his property in one year - made out a great calculation what would be the expence of sowing 100 acres with wheat & the profit, which would accrue. This letter was entered at Clarendon P.O., Vt. by some person who b't it to that place.

295 SUNDAY, FEB'Y 16th Very keen air this morning - toward evening morning Our guests departed to church as well as several of the family - Friend Champney had the oxen to draw up a jag of wood - said that he and Luman Norton worked at threshing on the cold Friday, but neither his father nor brother John exposed themselves to the inclemency of the weather on that memorable day. Friends Locke & Montague, having taken a walk to the S., accompanied the girls to singing school at the Court House. Mr West arrived in town and tarried here.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 17th Snowed slightly from the S. - grew much more mild. My friend M. and I got our 4 loads out of the woods but by bad luck were prevented from getting more than three loads to the house. Mr West went away in the morning to go amongst his friends in Columbia County - Would want his pay next spring. Father gave in his deposition for Mr Brown, before Dr Swift, J.P. concerning the death of Capt. Hinman, Mrs Brown, Sally & Eliza Brown &c.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 18th Snowy,but mild. Drew 4 loads wood. Erastus chopper. Father was in town - bought a new axe of S. Davis for $2. Saw Majr Bowers who gave him our bill against him and another against us, which differed from the former in several instances I read Egyptian History at night.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 19 Fine day - 4 loads of wood again this day. When Friend Parsons returned from town with our cutter
296 about 1 P.M. having retained it too long - Mother rode abroad for her health. Father staid at home to help me unload, being some unwell. I missed of one thing which I had much at heart, and that was seeing Mrs R.B. - formerly Miss R.C. She and her husband called at Mr Parsons, but an appointment which they had made at Capt. S's prevented their coming here - Had not seen her within 4 years - Indeed I was really anxious to survey a countenance once a little interesting to me, although nothing now remains but a mere curiosity to see. On this head there is nothing like remorse or repentance afloat, but rather joy and real contentment and hearty satisfaction with what fortune has been pleased to give. See Journal, May 1811 - and Feb'y or Jan'y 1813.

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THURSDAY,FEB'Y 20 Fine warm day - wind S. - Finished getting 42 loads of wood, which consisted chiefly of beach cut in the S.W. corner of the wood-lot. E.Montague assisted us every day but one, which was the first - and then we drew 2 loads - He chopped and helped load 4 loads a day, 10 days - The last was a great load to bring down those hills - it being judged to measure 3/4,upwards of 3/4 of a cord. Mr Joseph Pike with his lady and little grandson six years old came in a sleigh to tarry with us . Mr P. appeared to be in a consumption, but was cheerful and as pleasant as usual - a man much noted for his piety, goodness of heart & extreme poverty. When I was but 2 years old he boarded at my father's and contracted a great re - gard for me - He was on his return from Williamstown to his residence in N.Y.

297 His eldest son - 26 years of age, had deserted the U.S.Army - was son somewhere in Ohio - the little boy was his son, the mother being dead The Pike family consisted of 6 sons and 1 daughter. Mrs Daly came to see Mr P. about going to the West with him. Mr Davis made a beginnig at dressing flax. Most of our neighbors were here this evening. Messrs Brown, Harrison, Parsons & Dimmick. The first had his flute with him, which was in use. The girls went to singing school. Melissa dropped in.

FRIDAY,FEB'Y 21st A very high and most cutting S.E. wind prevailed. Father and Friend Erastus killed a skunk at the barn this morning. Rode with Sarah to Hoosick 4 Corners - visited 3 lean stores - bought a "Present for Kate" and made a safe return - Saw Genl Robinson, Heman & Harry on their way home with ladies aboard Green Potter, with his wife, child and others, on their way from Pittstown where they had atgended the wedding of Mr Wadsworth's eld- est son to Miss P. Haskins. Mr Pike left us this morning, previously making a fine prayer. The sleighing, which was thin, failed fast. Erastus chopped for Parsons, boarding himself. Early in the morning I hauled that wood which was left by the way on Monday. Rained some at night.

SATURDAY,FEB'Y 22d Cloudy- with wind, W. - A little stormy. Some preparation made for chopping up the wood-pile. Erastus went to school. Mrs Street here this evening - amused us with lively stories. I had Mr B's flute.

298 SUNDAY,FEB'Y 23d In the night the wind had changed to N.W. middling cold, however thawed at noon. Hazy moon at night. The day was spent rather indolently. Employed as usual.

MONDAY,FEB'Y 24th A most severe snow storm commenced early this morn ing and continued through the day from N.E. It was more violent than had been experienced for a long time. We looked to affairs at the barn, where there was a young calf - Provided wood & & water for the ladies who washed. Friend Dimmick borrowed our cutter in which he braved the storm to Walbridge's paper mill where he bought an axe, which he and Mr Harrison came and ground on our new coarse grind-stone. Read Egyptian History.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 25 It had ceased snowing, but the wind continued blow ing hard and throwing the snow into immense drifts Erastus & Chauncey turned out to school. Reckoned & settled book ac- counts with Mr T.C.Parsons which were of almost two years standing - The difference standing thus - B.Harwood Ac't $63.35" - T.C.Parsons, $57.35". Tobalance the book the latter gave his duebill for $6.00 ,

on the back of which I endorsed half the price of a bandanno hankerchief which Mr P. bought to replace an old one that he lost which he borrowed of mother - some years since. The settlement included everything except horse-keeping in 1816 which could not be ascertained till Mr P. should settle with Mr Dimmick, and then to carry it to the new account.

299 On Monday eve'g friend Jonathan froze his ears coming from town.

WEDNESDAY,FEB'Y 26 Fine, but cold day & night. Broke out the lane, whichbwas not, however, badly drifted - Did this with oxen and sled - Called at Mr Brown's where we saw some of the new commers - 2 families from N. Hampshire - halted here to look for farms to take - Smith and Trow were the gentlemen at their head. Brown's house in great uproar. We rigged the wood sleigh to go to mill but gave it over on account of want of tackling - Entered upon chopping up the wood-pile near night - Girls went to singing school. In the evening read Spafford and wrote music for Hiram Waters.

THURSDAY,FEB'Y 27 Had a S.E. snow storm - rained a little at night - grew warmer - Picked over rotten apples and wrote music for H.Waters. Friend Parsons was preparing for a tour with his lady to Greenville.

FRIDAY,FEB'Y 28th Cloudy, mild and warm - Slight breeze from the East Apprehended a thaw. Father & Mother rode out. I shovelled a path from the front of the house into the lane for Mr V.D.Speigle & ladys reception, but they did not come. Cut a crook for handsled runners - Visited the Sugar Place where the snow was 18 inches deep - cut a walnut crook which I did not bring down. The girls all went to S.Scott's in the P.M. - Evening to Mr Brown's - Rais'd "the Randam". Snow from N.W. this ev'g

300 SATURDAY,MARCH 1st Snowed a fine snow and blew high and cold from N.W. - a tedious day - Cattle were attended - Bitting in the house was done - a small load of wood,judged to be a third of a cord, carried to school house beyond Dr Swifts - and a pair of hand sled runners hewn out by Erastus at E.Waters' shop, where several gentlemen were present. H.C. & H.HULL, Nims, and a journeyman saddler. Mr West arrived from Manchester, 9 at night, on his way to Columbia Co. - tarried with his horses all night. The state of our hay was thus : About 1/4 part of the E. mow remained, some few armfuls on the W. scaffold, the W. mow entire and plenty of oat, wheat and rye straw - the second of a superior quality. Our horses and stock wefe in good order. Friend Montague had a very ill-looking, but well limbered colt, which last summer by being kept in short feed had become extremely poor; was the worst off of any creature on the farm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2d (Mild) Cold and fair - Wind N. - None of the family attended public worship. Mr West went off in company with Mr Parsons, who with his lady went to Greenville on a visit. Erastus and Locke attended singing school with the ladies. Read Col. Hanger.

MONDAY,MARCH 3d Mild and fair - Deep snow and good sleighing. Chopped wood and went to mill - on my return met at the foot of Meetinghouse hill little Eliza Palmer riding on a hand-sled, which I should have run over had I been under swift motion and not seen it. Mr P. said as I passed his house that he expected she would be run over. Read Hanger. Erastus worked at Dexter's.

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301 TUESDAY,MARCH 4th Warm and thawy - Fair till about 4. o'clock P.M. Looked to the cattle & worked at chopping. Late in the morning Alanson & Isaac Downs were down and sunned and broke flax. Father, mother, Sally & myself talked of riding abroad together, but our sleigh being a wood sleigh, with a very ill looking lumber box on, our pride made us give it up. Lydia & Mother rode to Mr Watson's in Shaftsbury in the cutter. Melissa Street early in the day rode with P.Dewey & lady to their house to work at house-work awhile. Between 4 and 5 P.M. a company of young people from Tinmouth of her acquaintance, with Lorenzo Fassett at their head, called up to see her. We informed them where she was and they turned about and went to P.Dewey's. They were principally of the Waite Tribe. Previous to mother's and Lydia's expedition, Sarah undertook to accompany them with her child, but the little creature cried so that she went no further than the end of the lane & returned to the house again. Jonathan measured me for my new calfskin boots. An 18 months man in the 11th Reg't called to see if we would employ him to get out flax - Informed him that Mr Mr Downs had engaged it. Read Hanger.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th Cloudy and thawy - Father and mother made a visit at uncle Zachariah's - said they thought their cattle looked pretty well, although their hay was scant, but on viewing his own was satisfied with the comparison. Worked at chopping. Erastus worked abroad at the same business - Father and the girls went to singing school. Edward Swift and Sam Brown came to visit Chauncey. Trow borrowed a saddle - Read hanger.

302 THURSDAY,MARCH 6th A very warm thawy day and evening - in the course of the latter it lightened sharply in the W. We harnessed old & young Nancy and J.Rogers,Wm Campbell and myself rode to Pickett's and to Capt Hills where I saw Turner H's music book and flute. Rode back to Judge Robinson's to take in Mr Carpenter the singing master. Visited the Printing office to buy a Psalm book,but they had none - Spent a little time in the Post Office - talked with Col. Merrill and U.M. about town meeting - Saw the records of the Supreme Court - Took some round sticks of white oak timber for which we paid Mr Pickett in wood, and took on board Mr Carpenter & came home. Sat, during a part of the P.M. reading papers - chopped a little. In the evening drove for the girls and Mr Carpenter to singing school - went on to mill where they had no light and no one except J.Connolley to assist me,nor a post to hang my horses to, therefore proceeded to Capt Hills and there spent the evening, writing music. Copied "The Beaux of Albany","Miss Hamilton's Strathpey" and "Ball's Reel". Elliott Hills and one of his daughters appeared to be boarders there. Capt.H. related a story of a man being robbed on his way from New Hartford ~~to~~ N.Y. to Troy with a load &c. E.H. talked upon scripture - Departed about 9 - brought the ladies from E.Waters' - Sleighing extremely bad - Mr Downs dressed here 17¾ lb flax. Erastus chopped wood for E.Waters.

FRIDAY,MARCH 7th Continued thawy, but the wind changed its direction and before night blew high from N.W. We pursued chopping - Mr Champney assisted.

303 Mr N.Eldred of Pownal, with his lady, came here on a visit. Erastus came from Waters' - sun two hours high. P.M. said he had earned 13/6 in two days. At Brown's this morning saw a Mr Hinman from Southbury to take Mr B's farm, but which he had so far engaged to Mr Dimmick that he could not bargain with him. Dimmick and his wife rode to Pownal to see Dr Bannister. Mr Parsons and lady arrived from Greenville - found all well. Parsons, Jonathan & Wm Campbell were here here this evening - Played Ball's Reel to them.

SATURDAY,MARCH 8th Fair in the morning, but toward evening became cloudy and about 10 at night there happened a very smart snow-squall from S.E.,which lasted an hour, after which it was calm, but continued cloudy. Our N.Hampshire neighbor, Mr Trow, came over and engaged me with sleigh and horses to carry hid goods to Adams, Mss. We permitted him to take the sleigh to his house and load while I prepared myself. Mr T. said his load would not exceed in weight 800 hund. but when I went over with my horses was astonished to find a load of such magnitude & ponderosity. The sleigh being set on bare ground it was found necessary to start it with Mr Brown's oxen which Mr Dimmick generously did himself, drawing the load to the summit of the little hill S. S.Brown's, up which it was with considerable difficulty, although very stout, they drew it - Enough was seen to convince everyone that our little horses could not go
304 with it,therefore it was totally relinquished - Joined Mr Champney working at the woodpile,but within two hours afterwards Mr T. came to us and said that he had been to engage Mr Loomis, who would have undertaken the business if his horses had not been sick. Stated his case to be extremely bad, felt anxious to take his family to Adams, where he had hired himself to a gentleman the ensuing season,& hired a house. That the load should be divided, Mr Dimmick to carry a part, by putting on his mare with his (T's) horse - the remainder to carried by me & to start at moon-rise - which was agreed to. However the weather continuing thawy & portending rain it was concluded to set sail as soon as we could get ready,which we did about sun-set or perhaps a little earlier. Drove to Bates' at Pownal Meeting House; no accident occurring- Rested 2 hours - drank cider - read newspaper - Dimmick and the family slept. Mr T. talked with the landlady about a severe attack she had lately had in her head - But she finding that we entertained a notion to tarry till moon rise, grew cross, said we might either go to bed or go along, for she was not going to find us in wood & candles. They rep resented the travelling as dangerous below on account of the drifts, which were deep,soft and full of water. This description we did much like,but our horses having been served with plenty of good hay & it growing more light, at 10 O'clock we again set forward - I led the way, having James Trow, a youth of 14, with a lantern for guide, & a most faithful one he was too. We proceeded slowly along
305 without meeting any misfortune till we began to arrive on the height S. of the Parker Hill, when it commenced snowing most furiously right in our face & eyes. As we descened Pownal mountain our troubles in - creased. It snowed so fast and was so dark that my guide, whose light the violence of the wind had extinguished, could not tell where to go, and actually led me out of the way, so that to keep my sleigh from upsetting I should have required aid to place myself safely in the road again. It providentially happened at this critical moment,that an elderly gentleman, belonging in town, returning from the meeting house home, fell in company with us, who informed us that we ought to have turned into the lot a few rods back, that the road was impassable ahead,and that we must now adopt that measure, which we did speedily. The good man took my horses by the head and guided them carefully sev eral rods on the outside of the fence, turning into the road at a convenient place, not far from the Aylesworth house. Here we could have flattered ourselves that our vexations had ceased, but the old gentleman warned us of the contrary - still guiding my horses.
The lower part of the hill we found by far the worst, and it was with the greatest exertion that our horses escaped being stuck in the drift My sleigh actually upset at one time, but we righted her up again with out damage except the loss of a table leg. On finding ourselves at the foot of the hill, safe and sound, all hands

306 were overjoyed. I felt as it we were particularly indebted to that gentleman who volunteered as our guide, and Mr T. endeavored to keep sight of him in order to invite him to a treat at the Inn, but he with drew himself without giving that pleasure or leaving his name. In its proper place omitted mentioning one occurrence. When Trow & Dimmick came to assist me in turning back my sleigh- the good woman with her children with hideous outcries, expecting to share the same fate, leaped from their seats into the snow, regardless of everymconsequence which not a little displeased friend T. They soon replaced themselves and all came snugly down to the Inn where we put up for the night. It was now about 12 o'clock, and there were present some bar-room characters who did not clear out till pretty late. The bar-room served for a bed-chamber for those who could sleep, and the soft side of the floor for bedding. Mr T's family consisted of his wife and five children - the eldest James - 14 - Eliza, 13 - Maria next, another boy 6 or 7 , named Gilman, & Josiah the youngest, aged 8 months, which its mother sat all night with in her arms. Except Mrs T. & myself, the company slept very well which gave me an opportunity to discourse with her on her nativity &c. She said she was born in Portsmouth, N.H., was now in the 39th year of her age, the youngest of 4 children - a brother & 2 sisters - her father dying when she was 7 years of age left her mother possessed of a handsome living &

307 being employed in teaching school might have maintained herself and family handsomely; but it was afterwards her choice to be married to a good man who had a family of 13 children which he honorably supported by laboring at the occupation of a ship-carpenter. She represented the conduct of her mother and adopted parent as exemplary - no jealousies or misbehavior occurring on either side, an harmony existed be - tween the family. The name of her father was Gilmer, but the other gentleman I do not recollect. By this time Mr T. awoke and joined in conversation which turned upon their courtship, by which I rather suspected that the woman never was entirely suited with her lot. Indeed I thought it was plain that her notions were widely different from his. She appeared to have a great dislike to leaving her native soil,mourned at being dragged through the country in such a manner. In truth I must say that I contracted a particular friendship for this lady. She was married at 21 years of age,had had 8 children,lost 3, her husband's age was 41. The last place from which they removed was Wendell, N.H. Their partner Mr Smith, whose lady was sister to Mrs T., was already at Adams. This was one of the longest nights I ever saw, but at length morning came, and about sunrise

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 9th We pursued our course towards Adams where between 9 & 10 O'clock we safely landed. Found the Smith's in a new low house, built for the accom-

308 of people belonging to the brick factory opposite & N. of Waterman's tavern where grand accommodations were offered for stabling - everything having been lately built in handsome style - here Dimmick and I drank some excellent cider - our horses were baited on Trow's expence, the other we paid for. Old Mrs S. appeared very glad to see her sister and could carry a joke in balderdash, although turned of 48 the highest that I ever saw a woman. As soon as they could launch their hollow ware over the blaze, a quantity of pork was fried and a cup of monstrous strong tea made, which with some clammy rye bread (worse to the touch however than to the taste) made one of the best meals I ever ate. I have omitted but one article, which was butter, which composed the luscious breakfast. Hunger made a rich sauce for us. We saw there an old woman whose husband had removed to Shaftsbury with the greatest part of her furniture, whither she desired us to carry her,

but we had not the smallest inclination to do it under our circumstances. Dimmick said he saw her daughter who he said was remark ably short in stature, but well fe atured & smark looking, having a face and bosom as large as a female of common size being about 20 years of age - On questioning the old lady who came into the Smi Smith apartment, she gave a very flattering description of her, saying she was unusually ingenious - could do all kinds of business, belonging to a woman to perform, with great skill & dexterity.

309 Everything being ready for our departure, we called on Mr Trow for a settlement. We had been told that he possessed a considerable sum of money, which however appearances and actions did quite conform. He requested to know what we should charge - we replied that for Dimmick and his mare we should have $1.50 - his other charges $2.02 - to Capt Norton for the use of his sleigh $00.51 and for myself $3.00 Making in all $7.13 towards which he either could not or would not pay but $4.66 - obliging us to accept his note for the remainder, payable 3 days after date, which he said he would cer - tainly remit to us when his money arrived from N.H. The note was given us jointly. My sleigh being put on board of Norton's and D's mare being made leader to my horses - we in this stylish plight quitted our hosts in friendship and came with a lively pace on our way home, making many observations on the late excursion and the people with whom we had been dealing. We consoled ourselves for not obtaining our pay by saying that it was a happy affair that we had carried them out of our neighborhood, knowing or surmising that if they had tarried we should have been burthened with them, altho' to say the truth Mr T's wife and family appeared to be exceeding active & ingenious. It was about noon when we started - made a halt at the foot of Pownal mountain, baited horses, drank a mug of cider ate a doz-

310 en crackers & drank a glass of gin. Came on home without further impediment, leaving capt N's sleigh & his cash at his house. The inn-keeper at the foot of Pownal Mountain, late successor to Rosetter, said that the same day on which we descended it, not less than between 30 & 40 horses had been stuck & helped out of those snow - drifts, many of them in empty s;eighs.

MONDAY, MARCH 10th Snowy, raining, unpleasant, weather from S.W. In the A.M. visited Mr Brown and borrowed his flute - Saw there old Huldah Sprague. Came home, tried to hunt up timber for handsled beems, but failed. Attended a little to writing - felt too dull to read. Mother made a visit at E.Waters'; A lamb, the first of the season, was nursed by Lydia which was kicked blind by the colts.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11 Cold stormy morning from N.W. became clear and cold the remainder of the day. P.M. rode with friend Erastus to the singing lecture - Mr Marsh preaced from the 1st Verse of the 147th Psalm. Having taken a nap above stairs, pushed below into father's pew to accommodate him with cash for a contribution for Blake the minister. Mr Carpenter's choir filled the whole row of front seats and performed admirably. It was certainly affecting at the close of the Exhibition to hear a man so beloved as Mr C. ,bid his pupils "Farewell". He returned them thanks for their good behavior which he said excelled that of any school that ever taught. The band assisted by playing for the procession.

311 It is necessary to note that Mr Carpenter, our singing instructor, was a native or resident in Winchester Conn.,having a family - about 40 years of age - Lively disposition but of a sickly countenance.

Very regular, & persevering in his business. Mr Locke and I were together this P.M. He came home with Erastus, and supped with us, likewise lodged here. Called at Dimmick's - Saw Dr S. who was called to see D's child which they said had just had a sort of a fit. Chauncey was there with his new axe. Dimmick & I settled our Trow accounts In the division I received 43 cents more than my share, which was credited to him towards cider-mill rent last Fall. A great number of people attended the Lecture, of whom a number came from adjacent towns.

WEDNESDAY,MARCG 12 It had froze hard in the night and the morning was extremely cold - P.M. hazy, not cloudy. Worked at the wood pile. Alanson & Isaac Downs worked at the flax. Erastus labored for Parsons, to whose ax he affixed a new helve - P. himself sick Chauncey commenced his Journal, beginning with the 11th.
I beheaded the blind lamb.

THURSDAY,MARCH 13 Sour,cloudy, and rather stormy. At the wood pile again. Friend Erastus at Parsons'. The girls go in the eve'g to El/. Waters'. Mr West put up here with his friend Adams from Whitehall, N.Y. who was not very captivating to our ladies. Dully perused Hanger.

312 FRIDAY, MARCH 14th Blue cloudy day, chilling winds. Again at the wood pile. Erastus assisted. Friend Locke called and took leave of us for Pennsylvania, having the goodness to wait while I wrote a letter to Ruth Harwood which he agreed to carry to her, if he could make it convenient. In that she is informed what I had done with her note, as may be seen p. 265, 289, and further that cousin Ruhana Harwood had brought late news that Mrs Denio was in a low state of health. There being no prospect of collecting it, the note was enclosed to her. For news referred her to the bearer - Noticed however - Mr B's courtship with widow S.R. - J.Murphy's being likely to be married to Miss T. Hathaway; that we must pay him a considerable part of what we owed him the present Spring. That uncle Jonas wrote from Madison, Jan'y 14 ; (see p. 294) and perhaps something else which I do not recollect - Invited them to visit us - Told R. to write us. Put in the usual compliments.

SATURDAY,MARCH 15 Pretty cold & clear. We chopped & piled wood. Erastus assisted. Chauncey likewise, for there was no school. Mother & Lydia took a circuitous ride. Mr West & Mr Ellis Doty lodged here - Had a controversy about religions sentiments. The latter in favor of Universalism. Mr Whittum likewise was entertained here. Mr Downs & his son Alanson dressed 21 lb flax.

313 SUNDAY, MARCH 16th Tolerably pleasant. Mr West went off to Columbia County. Friend Erastus's colt died & he skinned him. Wrote down the expedition to Adams. The girls attended singing school. We had begun to fodder from the West mow, but there was enough of the other now left to be safe in stating that the former was entire, containing between 10 and 15 tons. See March 26. 1816.

MONDAY, MARCH 17 Wind very high from the South - chopping was pushed apiece - Erastus assisted. Mr Doty came and bought 1 bhl corn & 5 gallons of vinegar which last was $1.25. At the settlement of accounts his due was $00.78 He now paid $1 which left him in debt $00.47" He started for Wilmington at mid-day. Mr Parsons spent the evening here. Mr Downs dressed and took home 20¼ lbs flax.

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TUESDAY,MARCH 18 A cold tedious rain storm raged from the south. Attended to little else than writing. Erastus was in town. Mr Brown lent me his flute on condition that it must be returned "day after to-morrow".

WEDNESDAY,MARCH 19 Wind N.W. The cold increased all day. Cloudy and Gloomy. Worked at the woodpile - Erastus assisted. Father was about town in the A.M. and to mill - Brought home papers in which was the Presidents Inaugural Speech. This night was terribly cold. Mr Parsons and lady on a visit here this P.M. Two years since 19th of March 1815.

314 Thursday, March 20 A very blue,cold day. Some snow flying. Again at the wood pile. Erastus cut up wood at the school house drawn on the 1st inst. and worked at the woodpile. Attended a Republican Caucus at 4 P.M. Sam B. Young elected candidate for Moderator - Wm Haswell, Clerk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21 Hatcheling winds from N.W. - flying clouds. Worked for friend Erastus who had taken Parsons' woodpile to cut up, split and pile, by the job. My father & I did not perform 2 whole day's works. Mrs Bliss & Mrs Waters visited here this P.M.

SATURDAY,MARCH 22d Fine pleasant weather. At the woodpile once more. Mr Downs, Erastus & his son Alanson worked at the flax. Mr D. dressed upward of 30 lbs. Mr P. endeavored to borrow my Journal which for good reasons I refused lending. He said Mrs Patience Parsons wished to peruse it. Began stabling Mr Parsons horse ~~this~~ Thursday night. Mr Blackmer's school ended.

SUNDAY,MARCH 23d Mild pleasant morning - hazy P.M. - Wind S. - Father & Erastus went to meeting. Having finished writing - felt too dull to read.

MONDAY, MARCH 24th Stormy from the South in the morning, but did not set into a steady rain until night. We chopped with Erastus at Parsons'. E.Fay Jun
315 as he returned from town called and made a few remarks on various subjects in his way - A drove of cattle put up at Mr Brown's - about 50 head strong. John Crawford Sen'r stole ash timber from Mr Brown which he rode as far as Dr Swift's and rescued from him - Perhaps it was well for C. that he was a federalist and that town meeting was so near at hand

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 Foggy morning - hazy through the day - Wind N.W. - Mr Spencer one of the drovers came to purchase our oxen, but no bargain was made. Our work was at Parsons' for Erastus on the woodpile. Parsons and Jonathan here this evening.

WEDNESDAY,MARCH 26 A grievous storm arose from S.E. - a mixture of show & rain - cold raw winds - very muddy - For this days' proceedings see p. 364. Erastus was taken ill of a violent cold.

THURSDAY,MARCH 27 Pleasant in the morning, but the wind sprang up from toward noon and caused a very chilly,cloudy, squally P.M. Worked at the wood pile. Mr Downs dressed flax. Erastus sick. Reub Wickwire and his neighbor Sibley passed this way

going to Pownal to see Loan Jewett - The former took our young mare to ride which he returned before night. Arch Duncan dined, supped and lodged here. The first cut of the West mow was now finished, leaving in breadth about 18 feet. Dry wood about all gone.

316 Read the address of the American Society N.Y. for the Encouragement of Manufactures, to the people of the U.S. - J.Murphy came to see us, said he talked of being married - Spoke to us to let him have some money within 2 months, which he wanted on account of buying land in Butternuts N.Y.

FRIDAY,MARCH 28th Very harsh,cloudy,dry,windy weather. Worked at the woodpile. Erastus sick. Adeline six months old this day. Mr P. took away his horse this m'g.

Saturday, March 29 Closely resembles the 28th in weather. Worked at the woodpile,of which there were in solid hardwood principally beach, with the exception of a very few sticks of bass, 15 cors & 24 feet, in four piles, besides which we had raised nearly a fifth consisting mostly of basswood. See p. 121. We had not yet completed cutting up the pile. The snow on the mountains was still deep, and in the low lands where there were no woods the snow lay in heavy drifts. As to sleighing, Bennington never enjoyed more, perhaps, in any season, since it was settled - Our creatures were all in a thriving condition, and we had keeping enough to winter them out.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30th Fair,clear and muddy. Highly engaged at trapping for rats - no success ensued.

317 The waggon was launched in which the girls were reluctantly conveyed to church because they had learned the rules of singing - Erastus unwell. S.Robinson Junr came to see us, staid all night - would start for the westward next Wednesday - Jonathan R. here, boiling and feasting on eggs.

MONDAY,MARCH 31st Fine,warm day - wind S. Settled acc'ts with cou cousin Sam'l Robinson by which it appeared that for his 5 months service in 1816 we had paid 45 cents over what was due - his demands having been 50 dollars - I told him what was over he might have in welcome, but he insisted on leaving it in a way to be paid. He agreed to pay 75 cents worth of leather which he borrowed here, to his father - Fifth course of the woodpile about finished. Mr Champney had the oxen to draw wood and rail cuts from off the Street lot - His lady came on business here in the ev'g. Chauncey sick. Dr Swift & son here this evening on account of Friend Erastus's sickness. Paid S.H.Blackmer this morning in full for schooling $1.64". Mr John Murphy was married to Miss Tryphena Hathaway daughter of Mr Seth Hathaway on Sunday eve'g.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1st The weather was fine in the morning,but in the P.M. it became cloudy and rained in the evening Compleated the fifth course of the woodpile. Split out and piled oven-wood of which there was about half as much as we had in 1816. See p. 121. Mr Parsons had commenced making sugar from about 20 trees in gen. Robinson's woods - Boiled at the house - Appeared to disapprove the scheme. His horse was taken blind. The birds of spring began to warble their notes in cheering strains.

318 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2d The day was fine - Engaged at the woodpile in the A.M. P.M. attended the adjourned Town Meeting. After considerable debate the taxes were voted which were for the support of the poor & other town charges, 1 cent & a quarter -

and for bridges and highways 1/2 cent on a dollar. This business being gone through, the Authority of the town retired to nominate Grand & Petit Jurors - In a little time they returned with lists of the former and latter. A majority of republicans being present and the lists comprising some very exceptionable persons both as to private character & politics, motions were made & carried to reject the whole nomination. This was a maneuvre that highly pleased the democrats as it gained a march upon their antagonists which they little suspected and besides rid them of a very unsuitable pack of Jurors, although it is just to acknowledge that it contained a few good men on both sides. It was considered by the republicans an unfair thing to let party politics govern so much in the selection of Jurors; as it is of the greatest importance that those men should be as free as possible from all bias whatever. They said rather than have such a set they would have none. See p. 364

Borrowed at E.Young's Carey's American Museum for 1789 - some No's gone - & Sentimental Journeys. Father paid to his clothier, Mr Leach, by the hand of capt. Drake, $3. in cash. Came home accompanied by Friend Parsons.

319 THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd Flying clouds - wind W. - Worked for Elisha Waters at drawing stone for underpinning his new shop which he was about to build on Capt. M. Robinson's land north of B.Squires' house. Nims drilled the rocks near Dexter's where they made some good blasts. Father rode to Wickwire's and to Capt E Dimmick to make an arrangement by which he would have got what was due Mr W. into the hands of Mr Brown, but totally failed.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4th Pleasant but a little hazy. Finished cutting up the woodpile, of which we suppose there were between 22 & 23 cords prepared for the fire, besides a small supply of last year's wood, in old logs. It was estimated that, exclusive of what had been consumed already, if we had worked up what was saved out for timber, there would have been at this time 27 cords on hand, so that instead of 25 when we had finished drawing it should have been said 30 cords. See p. 296. See Apl 3d 1816.

J.Rogers assisted me about foddering and I went with him to Parsons' sap works - on the way he informed me of droll things which made us laugh - He spent the evening here - Read Yorick of which I conceived no exalted opinion. A good deal of snow still remained in the woods, and it had not started much from the mountains.

320 SATURDAY, APRIL 5th Cloudy - with chilly winds from S.E. Gathered a sleigh & waggon box full chips in the woods where our wood was cut. Chauncey went to Mr Brown's to play with S.Brown & E.Swift, but they had withdrawn to Dr S's - so he spent his time at Mr Parsons'. Mr Brown stays here 'till late this evening talking of Widow Seraph Robinson - Read a piece in Am. Musuem against Greek & latin.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6th Chilly damp S.E. wind with slight rain showers. Wrote a letter to Mrs Theodosia Harwood in reply to one rec'd on the 2d inst pr mail from cousin Catherine - dated March 9th - which I must briefly review before a statement is given of mine. It being mislaid I may be incorrect. She begins with stating (addressing herself to mother) that they were all in usual health except her mother who was not very well - that she & her sister Charlotte went to school - studied Grammar &c. That the winter had been severe - no thaws in Jan'y - many persons had frozen to death on the road - that they were informed by letter from aunt Sarah Robinson

that we had had a daughter which her mother requested I would name 'Fanny' in remembrance of a little girl she lost in May, 1813. Wrote that it was a very scarce time for provision of any kind which it was almost impossible

321 to buy - that her mother became lowspirited in the absence of her aunt Fanny, who when she returned from her employment abroad would console her & renew her courage. We were desired to jog Uncle Jonas respecting what owed them - Elisha Smith had married the great Shafts bury girl - Wm Smith was courting the little Shaftsbury girl. Deacon Osborne wanted to sell the place because he was in want of money.

The above is the most part of C's letter to which I proceeded to reply - that it was a great pleasure to mother and others of this fam ily to see that C. had made such advances in writing & composition, and to hear that she and her sister enjoyed the means of obtaining an education - We knew their condition must be extremely hard, but so it was with thousand's in this country. America had never seen such times, many families in this town had neither meat nor bread, nor any way to purchase it - provisions high and scarce - Stated our case with respect to fiscal concerns to be a hard one - See p.'s 168, 226, 292. That to R. Wickwire we owed between 180 & 190 D's - to J.Murphy 135 to 140 D's and to Mr West 40 D's, all of whom were pressing for their pay Besides these there were family expenses which were considerable although nothing like extravagance entered into the calculation . Indeed we were under par. Our crops hav-

322 ing been cut off had occasioned us to fall so far in the rear as not to be able sink the great debt but very little. To confirm my assertion respecting the above, which was more particular than is given here, and strictly true - I wrote that I supposed she would disbelieve it if it were given in upon oath - But remembering what she said in her letter of Nov. 8th p.262, I told her I did not care to write fibs to send three hundred miles. Mentioned Mr Hunt's people and Mrs H's opinion against her returning here - see p. 225 - Inserted marriages - P's 241, 269, 317 - & references. Informed that our health was as good as usual and that all hands sent compliments to their whole family - Sent compliments to the Smiths. Sent old newspapers to Mrs Parsons. Jonathan R. here this evening.

MONDAY,APRIL 7th Low dark clouds in the morning - wind S. Considerably rainy from 10 till 12 - flying c'ds P.M. In the morning mended fences W. & N.W. sides of the N. meadow - Midday shelled corn - P.M. repaired the brush fence W. of the old Sugar Place. Saw great numbers of pigeons - a considerable quantity of snow in that quarter yet - but chiefly off in open grounds. Came home across the wheat field - concluded the greater part was alive. Those inoculations put in last August, p. 200, were mostly alive.

323 TUESDAY, APRIL 8th Mild - Flying clouds - snow going off very fast from the ~~meadows~~ mountains . Corded up those chips which were brought from the woods on Saturday. Father carried in his waggon plow irons & whipple trees to be mended or put in tune by Col. Norton. P.M. cleared the wood parade, in doing which raised a sixth course to the woodpile, containing perhaps half as much wood as one of the others - the length of a course is 27, and the height about 6 feet, that is, of the five principal ones - see p. 319 - Mended fence on the Norton line from his orchard on the road to the end of our part - The water from the mountain just began to flow in the great dry brook. Visited the rye, whichnin some places appeared tobe killed. P.217. Mr Blazedel & Mr George Robinson became our neighbors in Mr Brown's Dr Fay house. M.Street came from P.Dewey's to begin spinning here. Erastus getting better - The letter to Theodosia was put in the Office

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Postage Paid.
In the sketch given of my letter to Mrs H. p 322, omitted setting down zn expression made use of after detailing the state of our financial concerns to convey an idea that I did not write to deceive - to hide a mean sordid spirit which would withold assistance from the widow and the fatherless.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 Appeared likely for rain from the S. - warm & mild. About 3 P.M. wind changed to N.W. - grew cold.
324 Our spring weather wore a prosperous aspect - more like old fashioned seasons of this kind - Repaired the hog pasture fence where it was laid strait on blocks - next the post & rail wall S. of that handsome row of birches which grow on the S. border of the pasture beyond the S. meadow - From this proceeded to the wall built on Brown's line. - p. 186 - At night father went to E.Waters' & swapped a male for a female swine - Friend Hiram W. assisted him in driving her home. Sent Waters' to him the next morning, in a waggon, by E. Montague.
Our new neighbors began to solicit favors. Very hard times for the poor. S.Batt came to borrow a horse to go to mill, but the road was considered so very bad, the frost being just now breaking up,that we refused to lend one. Mr Brown here this evening - the girls had a deal of fun with him.

THURSDAY,APRIL 10th Dry,N.W.wind - flying clouds - mild till night when it becsme cold. The hogs were let out. Pruned apple trees. Sold to Blazedell 200 of hay. Received Columbians which contzined conversations with Napoleon,by an English surgeon - Col. of Apr 5th - Mr Parsons & Jonathan here in the eve'g.

FRIDAY,APRIL 11th A fair but very cold frozen morning. Gathered up dry apple tree limbs which were in part cut up. The fence was repaired about the little meadow.

SATURDAY,APRIL 12 Dry cool wind from the N. - flying clouds.
325 Father rode to mill and presented an account aginst Asher Wilcox of 3 bhls of wheat at 10/6 in 1813 - 2 bbls cider in 1816 - being in all $9.25 - credited him in cash $3.00 Made a settlement with Capt Hills who received, p. 238, 6 bbls cider at $2.00 about half of which was paid in wool carding - the remainder in cash paid this day. Chopped apple tree brush -. P.M. assisted at repairing the shad-bone fence - S. side of the old sheep pasture. Hiram Waters paid me a visit, with the "Fifers Companion". Mr Wilcox had not time to make a settle't.

SUNDAY,APRIL 13th Dry jerking winds from N.W. most of the day. At night blew strong from the S. - Flying clouds - Spent the day as usual. Mr L.Norton came to see friend Erastus about laying out his cellar wall - that, is,to have it measured out ready to begin building the wall. L. said he was reading Plutarch's Lives.

MOMDAY,APRIL 14th Very high N.W.wind - not very cold,clear. Grass in favorable spots began to look green. Our wheat appeared to be looking up. Began ploughing with 2 teams in the field N. of the N. meadow about midway from E. to W. John Murphy came to see us. Paid him $11.50" He wanted more, but this was all we could rake and scrape at this juncture - He said he should soon go to Butternuts to look for a farm - Chauncey went to town to sell eggs in the PM Eve'g went to see a kind of low theatrical performance, accompanied by Jonathan and Harry. Price for children 6 cents.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 15 Cloudy - wind S. - frozen in the morning. Ploughing again. Erastus worked at laying cellar wall on the 14th and this day at Parsons' woodpile. L4th Judge Fay looked at our oxen - too small for him.

326 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 Vermont Fast - It was unusually warm. Indeed few days in the summer months are warmer - Flying cl'ds Rain expected - sprinkled a little in the evening - heat seemed to increase at night. Father attended Divine service. Wrote Journal and read Dr Rush's address to the Manufacturing Society at Philadelphia - March - 1775 - published in Carey's Museum. Partook with my friends Erastus & Jonathan of an excellent bowl of egg cider - mixed by Sarah. Those friends and our girls took a walk in the direction of Mount Anthony - In the interim Bliss Loomis made his appearance - and at their return took to playing ball with Chauncey and Sam Brown - the former having been angling in Tanbrook without success. It was so excessively warm, and they played so hard that Commodore C. whose constitution being none of the brazen kind, was sick all next day. Visited a moment at neighbor Dimmicks in the evening - Returning thence, which was about dusk saw Mr Carpenter who had bartered some for our oxen, and who still wanted them, but at a low price. He offered $70. - we asked $80. - A man from Shaftsbury, named Matteson, came to purchase oxen or steers - tarried all night. No great Geographer.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 Wind high from N.W. grew cold fast P.M. Ploughing again. Finished the field alluded to p. 325 A.M. P.M. cross-ploughed in the field on Brown's line for spring wheat. Matteson looked at our steers for which he offered $45., not quite up to our price which we thought ought to be $50.00. He said he would pay his cousin Colvin a visit. Mr M. - 26 years old - lived in the E.p't of Shaftsbury - 4 miles distant.

327 and he would take a further look - P.M. he returned - came into the field where we were ploughing and concluded to have oxen - First said if he could have the yoke in the bargain he would give 80 dollars, but father, to carry the appearance of being a little on the negative, re - fused giving up the staple and ring. While they were divided on this point, Mr Matteson gave up the bargain and wanted to buy the steers - so he and father set off to go and view them, but were not long on their way when father discovered, seeing if he sold his steers, must keep his oxen, & the farmer not producing near the sum which he was necessitated to raise, refused to dispose of them - and they immediately returned. M. agreed at last if we would tzke out the irons from the yoke he would give all the money he had with him, which we sat down under the fence, to defend us from the wind, and received, being $77.95 - cents - almost wholly in paper. But no sooner had he done this than he became extremely sick of his bargain - On looking at the oxen again they did not suit him - they were not such as he wanted, &c We said everything we <u>could say</u>, to make him contented - told him exactly what they were - assured him for the same price he could not get a better pair - named their faults but told him they were far better than they appeared to be - had no bad tricks - In short after dallying a good while in the cold chilling N.W. wind, he said if we would not recant him for a dollar - if we would <u>give</u> him the same he would take the oxen and go - which was done. Had we not owed the money, we should have willingly recanted him, but considering our necessity and feeling consciousthat he was not wronged, we would not.

328 Father gave his note to Lemuel Leach, his clothier, for $16.53" Erastus worked at Luman Norton's, building cellar wall. When I went in from work this evening - Melissa held the child and dandled it while I played to it on the fife.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 18th A very cold day - freezing, chilling and most furious gusts came from N.W. flying clouds - Paid to John Murphy, by the hand of the boy, Chauncey Stone, whom we deputed to Mr Seth Hathaway for the purpose - 33 dollars and 50 cents - which he acknowledged in a polite billet. Likewise deposited in the hands of Samuel Brown $43.00 Continued plowing with a single team - ground ready for sowing spring wheat. Five poplars (Lombardy) were taken up in the garden anf set on the lower edge of the lane above Mr Parsons', on the steepest part of the declivity, at the right in passing from the house to the main road - Played on Mr Parsons' flute in the evening and read the Columbian which J. Rogers bro't me - It was a cold freezing night - new moon high.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19th The ground was frozen hard this morning and the air was sharp like winter - but in the course of the day so ftened down considerably, not without many severe blasts from the N. Spring wheat, which had been soaked 48 hours in lime, was sown on an acre & 1/4 N. of the N. meadow as mentioned p. 325 and on as much of the the field described p. 155, as was occupied with corn in 1816 - Our steers were yoked - J.Rogers exercised them a little. Mr Downs finished getting out our flax - 152 lbs 9 oz, i/3 to him to pay for dressing. Erastus came from work at Norton's.

329 SUNDAY, APRIL 20th Another cold morning - not colder than usual, in the subsequent part of the day - Wind unsteady - Sky hazy - thick and cloudy at night - Cattle ate hay heartily. The 2d cut of the west mow had been consumed ever since the 16th inst, but I am happy to say that there was plenty - All our creatures looked well - A very busy day at sewing together newspapers & writing journal - in the former part of the business, Melissa , Lydia and Sarah claim my warmest acknowledgments for their kind assistance.

Mr Loomis on his way from church called and took a draught of cider - Mrs Sreet came from V.D.Speigels to see us - I had a grumbling tooth-ache - Adeline was restless with a bad cold. Devoted the evening to writing a letter to cousin Ruth Harwood, Brookfield, N.Y.

This letter states our health to be as usual or rather better, Mother being more comfortable than she was wont to be at this season of the year - Complained of my toothache, asked her on that account to excuse the barrenness of it. Mentioned Luman Norton's building his house, tearing down his old one and living with his family along with capt. N. and brother J. That Laura Hills and her friend Sophia were highly pleased in their new situation at Arlington and doing well. That we had heard of E.Montague from uncle S.Robinson's that S.R.Junr had written from Brookfield, N.Y. where he had made a short halt on his way to the Niagara frontier, that she was there keeping school and that friend Waterman and lady well & doing well. Congratulated her upon entering on her new employment, wished her the most complete success - Wrote that Lydia

330 would write her if she were not so foolish as to be afraid of having other persons than herself see it. Sent compliments to Mr Waterman and lady with strong assurances of our wish to see them, and that their things were in perfect readiness for them. See p. 85 - Some account was given of Mr B. and widow S.R. Mentioned Mr Murphy's business in Butternuts - p.316 - that he would have been very happy to see cousin R. at that place ob account of getting assistance from her brother in finding persons acquainted with the land where he calculated to purchase. Father and mother presented their particular compliments to her mother and uncle ~~Jonas~~ James with an earnest request that they would pay them a visit. Our joint respects were given to cousins,

Mary & C.Augustus, making known our sincere wishes to see them - I repeated what I had before written, the pleasure derived from C.A's visit. Mentioned cousin Catherine's letter, p. 320 - also marriages - among which was that of Miss Sally Henry to Mr Moses Bushnel on the 26th ult. See p. 322 -, where others are ferred to, which see. J.Murphy bearer.

MONDAY, APRIL 21st It snowed fast this morning andthe ground was covered - continued cold till past 9 o'clock when the sun broke out at int rvals and soon made the snow vanish - Ray, chilly air - flying clouds; Wind N.In the morning a load of provision stuff was sent to mill. Friend Erastus and I labored at breaking a pair 3 year old steers till the snow was off so that he could work at the cellar wall. P.M. went to ploughing. Mr Parsons had 1 horse & the waggon to go to Choats for sawed stuff - Pownal.

331 Mr Downs received a hog, weighing 45 lbs and paid 25lbs 5 oz maple sugar - the 2 lb 5 oz paid for in cash to him - 2 lb hog being paid for 1 lb of sugar. Exchanged with uncle S.Robinson 1 bushel common spring wheat for a like quantity of barley wheat. He cut open a swelling under the chops of the yearling colt, but obtained nothing but blood.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22d Ground frozen hard - Cold and chilly till noon - Much more mild, P.M. Clear - E.Waters here hewing gate posts and making a great gate. Ploughing was pursued, and the barley wheat was sown - p.332 Deacon French came with a subscription for Mr Marsh's last years tax, which was not meant to include what was due on that years tax, but independent - Father signed $12. - 21st J.Murphy here.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23d Cold and freezing morning - but pleasant and warm remainder of the day. Oats were sown. See p. 332. E.Waters finished his job of setting up 3 gate posts and making a new gate, which is placed between the garden & S.E. corner of the barn yard. The third post was set to the old gate, which had been built 14 or 15 years. Waters performed some coopering. Mrs L. Hills and miss C.Norton came here this evening. Said Dr Worthy Waters had contracted debts to the amount of about $2000.00 and absconded to parts unknown. And our harrow got broke.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 High, S.E. wind., very cold - rainy in the morning - Wind blew roughly indeed - Shelled corn - P.M. went on to Court House hill - At the Po Office heard Col Merril and others talk about vision &c Sent by the P.O. Gazette of April 8th & 22d to uncle Jonas - Went to D's mill - wanted a post to fasten to - rought going at the bottom of meeting house hill.

332 FRIDAY, APRIL 25th A pleasant morning - Flying clouds from N. One bushel flaxseed was sown on 3/4 of an acre of gru ground being on the S. angle of the field N.E. of the young orch'd - N. of this course the barley wheat, of which there was 1/4 of an acre & next to the N.W. side comes the common sort of Spring wheat, which occupied all the pure gravelly soil, not so much as mentioned p.328. Half the field on Brown's line, N. of N. meadow was sown with the same sort of grain - W. of this comes oats which were sold on the field S.E. the old sheep pasture, being about 2 acres with 5 bhls seed. The garden was made - ready to receive its seed.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 Raw wind in the morning from the SE. Some slight showers of rain - Between 4 & 5 P.M. a very soaking and furious shower came up accompanied by heavy thunder - It first began from the S. and withal there was a quantity of hail. Ploughed E.Waters' garden - In the meantime went to Col Norton's & had my shave sharpened. Atvthe P.Office received a letter from Norman Judd dated Feb'y 18th 1817 - Postmarked April 14th - He writes thus -

Friend Hiram. I have this moment received your letter - I thank you for writing - and hope this kind of communication may continue. It is a privilege that we can talk together at so great a distance if we will improve it. You seem to sympathise with me on account of my late loss by fire. I will give you some account of it. I was on a trip to Ogdensburgh with ware - my workman, I am, informed turned until 12 o'clock at night - filled his stove with wood
333 - saw that all was secure, as he supposed, and went to bed. In about 2 hours the shop was in flames. By what means it took fire we cannot tell, but so it was - and five hundred dollars would not make up the loss. The people of the village have subscribed one hundred and seventy five dollars in materials for building which are put together, - and in about two weeks expect to be ready to pursue business again. If I mistook not your meaning you have taken wife - I wish you much happiness on the occasion - May she be an helpmate through life, conducting family affairs with prudence and economy. My wife at the time when my shop was burned, froze her feet badly - it is with difficulty she can get about house. Her father lies very sick - the remainder of the family are in health - I have lost, since 1805 - 1500 dollars by fire and obligations - Yet my extraordinary health counterbalances all these losses. Very few days have I lost on account of sickness since I was 12 years of age. The time's are hard - many people are in great want of provision. Luman does not write. He has done - Is he too rich - Give my respects to him - likewise to all uncle's family, to your wife, uncle Ben, Ira &c. Yours,

Hiram Harwood. Norman Judd

I suppose my friend had forgotten that I apprised him of the date of the death of my late uncle Ira Harwood.

Coming down gen. Robinson's hill met Loan Dewey Jun - talked with him a moment and invited him to
334 come and see me this night - He s aid he would try to. Got home from Waters' about 3 P.M. - at half 3 went to young Elijah Fay's - did not see him - gone from home - Held a short conversation with his father who said his son Asa lay sick of the palsy, as helpless as an infant. During the hard shower remained at Capt. Norton's - read Judd's letter to Mrs N. senior. From Capt N's to Parsons' rode with a Mr Whipple in a sort of 4 wheeled chaise.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 Very raw, gloomy, cloudy weather. Wrote as usual. Jonathan Rogers & myself visited this eve'g at E.Waters'.

MONDAY, APRIL 28th Raw weather continued. Rained a little near night Spent of the morning in getting under way with a team of steers and horses. P.M. ploughed with horses alone, and spread manue, father worked at Parsons' where they drew stone, bot out manure &c with E.Fay's oxen. Hiram Waters started pretty early with his friend Potter to go to Williamstown - returned again at night bringing with him 2 good files made by Shattuc - and an old one repaired by him for me. Marched fifing with W. to Dr S's barn - J.Rogers in company.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 29th Cold & gloomy morning - snow remained on the trees on the E. mountain till noon.

335 J.Rogers drove team for father while I employed Mr Parsons and myself to get Lombardy poplars to set on the right of the land above Parsons' - obtained 12 at S.Dewey's, whose lady bargained with him for shoes and agreed to let him have 2 calf skins - He likewise, while getting up the trees, had his horse shod at Jo Norton's. He went home with his one horse wagon load of trees by way of Capt Norton's and agreed to take up more trees - I went by the court house - got the papers at Clark's - Spent a little time at the Post Ofiice, Merrill, Brewer, & U.M.Robinson were talking of Vision &c. - Asked E.Young if he could let me have any poplars - He made me no very satisfactory reply - Left Chauncey digging holes for planting trees accompanied by several boys and went with Mr Parsons and procured at Capt N's E. of Mackeys be - tween 20 & 25 poplars with which we returned toward night. Father & J.R. came down and assisted about setting them. Spent some part of the night fifing with Hiram Waters who had with him ~~W~~.Wickwire.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 Fine, fair and warm. Elders were in leaf on Sunday goose berry bush, more than a fortnight since. 25 poplars were planted making in the row about 30 - above Parsons' at the right of the lane - P.M. carted manure with steers & horses - the former good as wheat.

336 THURSDAY, MAY 1st Another very fine warm day - the season growing. Carted manure. Our married ladies visited Mrs Dimmick - J.Rogers with the young mare and Parsons black horse ploughed Bliss's garden.

FRIDAY, MAY 2d The fine weather continued. Lombardy poplars began leaving out. Persisted in carting manure. Mr West received of father in full $41. - very reasonable in his charges p.148 167.

SATURDAY, MAY 3d Good weather contiiued. Grass began to flourish. Business the same. Jonathan R. with the young mare and Parsons' horse ploughed E.Waters' garden the 2nd time on our account - With that team - transported from Algiers for E.Fuller a tierce of lime. The young mare as they were harnessing her to the waggon by accident ran with the collar and was considerably hurt & much affrighted - No serious damage ~~caused~~ ensued.

MONDAY, May 4th Smooth growing weather - Leaves coming out. Finished carting about 60 loads of manure which was laid on about 2 acres of ground - lower part of the field W. of the barn. For this business the steers & horxes made a decent team. Sat a few apple tree cions. Mr Lommis' house took fire, but was happily rescued. Marched to Dimmicks in the evening. There were fires in Pownal & in Arlington. SUNDAY I have inadvertently omitted. It was a fine day - Wrote - ass'd with Erastus to L.Norton's sellar to his new house.

337 TUESDAY, MAY 6th Fine weather - wind S. flying clouds. Ploughing the planting ground and engrafting were both pursued. J.Rogers plough driver. Sam Batt worked here. I engrafted 41 cions. The ground that was ploughed is that whereon the manure mentioned on Satur ay was ~~taken~~ drawn. A monstrous column of smoke in the direction of Arlington arose about noon.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th High S. wind.- a little rainy near night. J.Rogers withbthe same team which he drove on Saturday and

myself with another ridged our planting ground. The sheep, all except one ewe were brought hom from Norton's enclosure.

THURSDAY,MAY 8th A very sudden change of weather took place - the wind having many hours blown strong from the S. suddenly this morning chopped around into the N. and it commenced a steady soaking rain which lasted most of the day. Wrote the greatest part of a letter to uncle Jonas. A transient sort of a bald-headed poorly dressed man who said he was lost and wished to be shown the way to Stamford - called, took a cold-cut, and by my direction went his way.

FRIDAY, MAY 9th Rather cool - Flying clouds from N.W. A.M.mended fence. P.M. all hands went to L.Norton's raising Through misunderstanding between Oliver Abel & D.Taft,his head carpenter at this building,the front part only (42 by 26) was raised - Being in height two stories. The kitchen and wood-house were raised next day. Ephraim Smith Esq qho attended among others and appeared in
338 an unusual strain of playful gaiety and good humor died very suddenly about 8 in the evening in an apopleptic fit - Sixty years of age in April last.

SATURDAY,MAY 10th A frosty morning - Good day - planted corn. Joseph Smith, Mr Dimmick's hired man, assisted in the P.M Mr West arrived and staid all night. A note was given Mr Samuel Brown by my father for $184 which was the remainder of the sum due Reuben Wickwire, which Dr Swift who owed Mr B. had procured from the former. See p. 226 .

SUNDAY, MAY 11th Fair morning - P.M. showery - a little thunder - chilling winds - Plum blossoms were out. Attended Esquire Smith's funeral - his corpse was very heavy. Mr Amos Bingham preached from Acts Cahp Verse where Paul addressed the Athenians Dull and inclined to sleep. Walked home accompanied by friend L.Jewett between 1 & 2 P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 12th Became cold at night. Mr West left here in the PM - carried my letter to uncle Jonas to the P.Office. This letter was pretty full and I do not recollect near half of it. It begins by telling him that we were well,that the last week in April up to that day (May 8th)there was good weather - Leaves were putting out-woods partially green, and a great deal more with all the news I could think of. Asked him to state partic-
339 ticulars respecting distances from Madison. A great body of compliments was inserted. Told him of Town Meeting - see p's 315, 318. E.C.Parsons received 300 cwt hay. Greatest part of our potatoes were planted on the E.part of the field W. of the barn. See p.157. Covered them with the plow. Fluted to Adeline at night - Very chill ing freezing night.

TUESDAY, MAY 13th Hard frost - cold A.M. - More comfortable P.M. - Evening wind S. - Nearly finished planting - Corn in 2 places - W. part of the field W. of the barn - & E. part of that N. of it - upper side spr' wheat. The latter not manured this season. Became a member of the debating society in town.

WEDNESDAY,MAY 14 The ground was frozen hard this morning - Tolerably pleasant about mid-day - A slight thunder shower near night after which the weather was fluctuating, but finally settled down cold. About noon finished planting. P.M. planted

beans & stuck bean polls in the garden. Betsey Street was brought here by Asa Doty 2d - Late from Troy where she had lived with W.S.Cardall

THURSDAY, MAY 15 Cold, dry, N.W. wind - a cold night ensued. Mended post and rail wall which divides N. & S. pastures, whole wall N. of the wheat field - likewise the cider press roof - Capt Norton's cattle had been in the wheat field late P.M. - went down and informed him - He promised the creatures & fence would be looked to. He was in the height of his planting. Discouraging weather. Mr Bliss came in pursuit of his cow & found her in our pasture.

FRIDAY, MAY 16th Again was the ground frozen in the morning, but it was a mild day - wind S. - Father carried 7 bushels potatoes
340 to E.Fuller - Set up my grandfather's tombstones, assisted by Mr Bliss A.M. ingrafted 25 cions; P.M. mended brush fence. Mr P. here till past 10 at night. Mr Gustavus Walbridge was found dead in his fathers garret early this morning, where he had hanged himself the preceding day. Aged about 52 or 53. It was supposed that he committed the awful deed in a fit of insanity. S.Waters pushed back to Arlington.

SATURDAY, MAY 17 Mild - Wind S. - Picked up stone to clear the g'd for mowing on that patch of ground mentioned p. 141 Planted a few beans in the garden. The girls all went to Mr Scott's on a visit - Betsey & Lucy Street stay here all night. J.Rogers came up in the eve'g.

SUNDAY, MAY 18th It was a rainy day. Mr G. Walbridge was buried. The girld carried Lucy Street to Scott's & had a soaking. Wrote a letter to R.B.Stone. Only mentioned our good health and sent plenty of compliments. Let us now take a view of the state of vegetation. About the beginning of the month the Lombardy poplar put forth its leaves. The earlier kinds of trees in the woods began to look green about the same time, but owing to a few cold nights which succeeded those days of good weather at the end of April and in the early part of this month trees did not come forward so fast as might have been expected. Apple trees appeared green about the 4th inst - and were now just on the point of opening their blossoms.

341 The sweet plum had blossomed in full as early as the 8 or 9th May and the red cherry was in the meridian at this date. Pasturing was very badly winterkilled, but grass began to afford a decent living to cattle from the first of this month. Winter-wheat in general had suffered much during the winter - Neighbor Dimmick's almost totally disappeared. A part of ours appeared very flourishing, but another part or o other parts were extremely naked & barren. Rye sown on oat ground kept back, while that on flax ground and spring-wheat ground looked well. Beeches and hard-hacks were not in full leaf earlier than the 15th or 16th. Maples and other trees were putting out pretty fast. Our warm weather was mild enough,had it now been for some few days of cold and generally dry, to have brought things forward 2 weeks in advance of what they now were. Although on the morning of the 16th and the 2 preceding mornings the cold was quite extraordinary, yet on the whole it certainly appeared more forward and more prosperous than in 1816. I think I am a little incorrect about maples, they were as forward as any trees in the forest.

MONDAY, MAY 19 Frost this morning - cool day - Brought up bar-posts from Parsons' which we borrowed of him - Mended fence W. side of the sheep-pasture - Chauncey sick P.M. - Erastus stays here at night. Mr Blazedell, Mr Joe Norton came in the morning to buy potatoes. Chauncey gallanted Betsey Street to Paran Creek. Dr Swift in the course of this month demolished one of the oldest
342 houses in town standing on Right No. 19 built by a Mr Timothy Pratt A.D. 1766 Appletree blossoms opened.

TUESDAY, MAY 20th Middling cold in the morning - Wind S. Good day. Seven bushels of flax seed was ~~raised~~ sold to Col vin & Olin for $7.00 at short credit. Undertook trapping crows. A few bar-posts were planted and grafts set. Isaac Godfrey came to see us. Went to town to the Society meeting along with Dr H.Swift, who went no farther than McEowen's - Society meeting was over - went to the printing office - talked about England, Cobbell & Bonaparte.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 Cool morning - day pleasant & smoky. Early this morning, Erasatus, Jonathan & myself went in quest of young crows - the former climbed a tall beech at least 50 feet in height and let down by means of his mason line four young ones out of a family of 5. The house underwent cleansing and Erastus whitewashed for us. Worked on the highway - Bought of a Shaker a fine wire seive for $1. - borrowed the money of Mr Brown - and bo't a paper of cucumber seeds for 25 cents - Another pedlar with a one horse waggon sold us 2 hoes for 5 & six a piece & a few ounces of essence, took his pay in oats & dinner. His name was Caleb Bryan, Goshen, Mss. Isaac Godfrey worked with us on the road - The passage under Tanbrook bridge was cleared. Spring grain looked tolerably well - worms had hurt it in some places.

343 THURSDAY,MAY 22d Rather smoky - wind S. - temperately warm. Erastus mended up the place through which stovepipe passed in the chimney. Worked on the road - Had Dimmicks' oxen 2 or3 hours - Had steers & horses P.M. Rexford Wittun, ldy & child, (perhaps 6 weeks old) went past us on foot going to Pownal. Jonathan this evening wrote a few lines for himself in that letter mentioned p. 340, and the next day I sent it to P.Office and forgot to pay the postage, which was quite wrong.

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FRIDAY, MAY 23d Smoky wind S. till past - about 1 o'clock it commenced raining slowly, but before night ceased. A very growing season - On this the succeeding day apple trees were in full bloom - Worked on the road till the rain came on - Sheltered our selves in the Wm Norton barn awhile and then cleared - Left a piece of to turnpike a few rods N. of the barn. Mr Bliss was with us on the highway. Carried to Darius Clark a bbl of old cider for making vinegar - charged him $2.25 for it. Agreed to have the 5 Vols of Bigland bound. Saw uncle S. and cousin U.M.Robinson who said they had just had a letter from cousin S.R. Jun., dated , dated at Fredonia, N.Y. - Doing well - Called on aunt Theodosia on his way there. Said they would have to purchase their supply of grain previous to the harvest - They informed me that Mr(E) Martin D.Harmon would start the next Tuesday for the western country by whom I could senf them
344 a letter with money to Batavia. Called upon Wm Haswell for a lent bbl which he had borrowed in Nov. This night our little Adaline was seized most violently with the cholic which lasted her more than 12 hours We tried several things without success before I went after the doctor which was about midnight. He came and tarried till morning - Paid close attention - The child for sometime was in a very dangerous situation,

SATURDAY, MAY 24 Growing pleasant weather - wind S. - Washed sheep in company with Capt Norton at Saffords' bridge- He had more than 45 and we 17. Dimmick and Silas Wood were brother washermen. A Mr Curtis assisted at catching. Setting up late the preceding night and going into the water, which was unusually cold, made me feel unwell. Our first cucumber seeds were planted - Went to town with friend Montague. Dewey & Miran, sons of J.Duncan, paid us a visit

SUNDAY, MAY 25th Warm and smoky in the - high S. wind - Grew colder toward evening - wrote a ;etter to aunt R.Stu Stone, Scipio, N.Y., informing her of our health, that of uncle Ephm Taylor, Stockbridge, Mss., who had been sick in the winter, and that of Capt Dewey and his lady, which as it respected the latter was better than for 2 or 3 years past. Wrote a short one to uncle J.Harwood chiefly to let him know that I had written him by mail. To that
345 I referred him for all interesting particulars. The story of A.Noble and lady proved too late for me to correct in my letter, to be falsehood. Drew up the greatest part of a third to Theodosia Harwood representing the adversity of the times - that we were sensible of her need of provisions - that we wished to assist much more than we were able but must content ourselves with the small sum enclosed. ($5.00)

MONDAY, MAY 26th Cold strong gusts N.W. wind - Cloudy. Peach tres were killed during winter. Two thirds of the day worked on our lane between the N. and little meadows for which the public paid us. Went to town to procure money to send to Theodosia. Rec'd $3.00 of E.Fuller for potatoes - Looked sometime to borrow thre more - At length stopped at Dr Swift's office - talked a good while with Dr Heman about history - Kings, dukes &c - borrowed a $3.00 bill Dr Swift to be paid in 1 week.

TUESDAY, MAY 27th A very cold rain mixt with snow came on about 9 in the morning and lasted most of the day - Sent Chauncey with a packet of letters to Mr M.D.Harmon - with a billet giving directions what to do with it - Dictated a short letter to cousin Sam, enclosing that to uncle Jonas desiring him to know whether Mr H. had left the letter to Mrs Harwood at Batavia as directed - and if not to send it her per mail or by some safe private conveyance - directed to have uncle J's letter sent on. Theodosia's letter was
346 enclosed in a letter to the P.Master,Batavia,wherein he was requested to expedite its passage, but in telling him to whom it was going &c did not inform him, as I did Mr Harmon, how much money it contained. There were in it two $3 Troy bills. Reckoned up butter and cheese sold in 1816-17 - of the former there were lb 137.3/4 - of the latter 366 lbs which amounted in the aggregate to about 70 dollars. See p. 349 Dimmick sheared our 17 sheep which produced 40 lbs wool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 Cold morning - hazy - wind N.W. - expected a frost at night - Dimmick assisted at killing a small female swine fatted on oats, which weighed about 180 lbs. Began building wall N.W. of the ploughfield W. of the N. meadow. Erastus M. worked for us. Dr Swift came down with his daughter. Our darling was quite recovered. Sam Brown and Chauncey began spelling this evening, in Crucifix table - For pork establishment see p's 261, 272, V. 5 p. 43.

THURSDAY, MAY 29th Rainy awhile in the morning - Cool eaw wind from the S. - cloudy through the day. Pursued the wall Two of Mrs Bliss' girls & Mrs Waters visited here this P.M.

FRIDAY, MAY 30th Cold in the morning - Good weather followed. Finished our wall for the present. Erastus assisted this day.

SATURDAY, MAY 31 Cold and rainy A.M. - P.M.clear, high, N.W.wind Mounted our stone fence S.E. side of the sheep pasture with stakes & rails to keep in check the flock.

347 A few remarks must now be made respecting the season. Butternut stems had grown between 3 and 4 inches but trees of that description were very late, though of much better countenance than in 1816 at the same season. Winter grain that had survived the winter were a flourishing appearance - and as to spring grain there were many flourishing fields of spring wheat - oats and flax were low but might improve. Corn was extremely slow in coming up & the cold nights & frosts caused its progress above ground to be still slower. Great complaint was made about worms destroying that and grass in pastures. Meadow lands, so far as my observations could extend, appeared in better condition than in 1816, but pasturage had suffered severely during the winter. On and near the upper parts of Mount Anthony the oaks and other late trees were still destitute of leaves - however foliage shewed a better countenance in general than in 1816, at this date and it had crept higher up the mountains than it had then. I present the following statement of our stock including our oxen which were sold on the 17th ult. I include them to shew how many we had wintered out.

	No.of Heads
I yoke of oxen, 8 cows, 4 - 3 yr olds, 7 - 2 do & 17 sheep	38
Horses,including a two year old and yearling ----------	5
Raised the present season 1 colt,4 heifers calves & lambs.	43

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st It was extremely cold in the morning, nor did it become warm like summer till past noon,after which the change increased rapidly. It froze water solid in small vessels, larger ones like tubs, pails &c were scummed over - small still pools of water were likewise covered with thin ice - Mud in the roads was stiffened in some instances so as to nearly or quite to bear a horse Followed my usual course at reading and writing, was however consid erably interrupted in the morning by the illness of my little daughter which caused me much anxiety. Read a piece on education in the Columbian. Mr West arrived from Canaan, N.Y. with 2 horses & a one horse waggon.

MONDAY, JUNE 2d Mild - cloudy - Wind S. Sent Chauncey with $3 to pay Dr Swift what I borrowed p. 345. We repaired the S.post & rail wall on the S. end of the cornfield - running E. & W. parallel with thebrook ending a few rods below where it gushes out of the rocks. Mr West & Mr Bliss were by-standers some part of the time. Erastus worked in Parsons' yard - C.Stone & S.Brow Brown spelled a lesson here in the evening. About 30 lbs grass butter had been made here from 6 cows this season. Miss P. Thompson came to make me a coat.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3d A coolish day - wind S.E. - slight rain and signs of a good deal more.

349 Agreeable to warning went to Capt Hill's with others to train in capt Burt's company of infantry. Capt B. was not present - Lieut Norton commanded. Nearly noon the company formed and marched to the Factory green & there performed several movements in the militsry line, drank once round, marched back to Hill's - heard a communication read by Lieut N. from capt Burt informing that he had resigned and would lead the company to a new choice on the 13th inst. Dismissed. Immediately left the ground and walked on toward town - stopped at Mr L. Dewey's - read music with Mr D. in Curphew's Collection which he lent me. He accompanied me into the street - relating some anecdotes respecting himself & Col J.Fay's 2d wife performing on the organ in N.Y.City Staid sometime at the P.Office hearing Col Merrill, Brewer & U.M.R. tzlk of Politics and History. Col M. apprehended much danger to our Republic from our permanent Judiciary and the Fraternity of the Law. Mr West went to Manchester, leaving one of his horses in our pasture.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4th Quite rainy greatest part of the day - No - I would have it greatest part of the A.M. Cloudy & some rainy the remainder of the day. Busy early in the day at shelling corn & making out a statement of the sales of our produce, stock &c which in full was about $500 for 1816-17

350 P.M. went to town to sell Veal before it was butchered - marketed 2 calves - Conversed sometime with Dr Heman. Brought home the 3d Vol of Gordon's America from Dimmicks'. Edwin D. attended my spelling school this evening.

THURSDAY,JUNE 5th Pretty warm A.M. - cloudy - P.M. some slight showers - air growing cooler - wind pretty much S.W. A night rain had effected much good - For our business in the morning see Remembrances p. P.M. a little business was conducted in the garden and father went up with Mr Blazedel to assist at sawing with a cross-cut saw some timber for rakes on Dr Swift's farm. It was a short job for which he promised him a new rake. Sam & Chauncey mischevious. Mother rode to T.Harvey's to pay 50 cents due for honey.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6th Very sleety till about noon - cloudy but growing weather. P.M. it blew up so cool from the north that we were afraid of a frost - The ears of rye were perhaps their length out. In the morning Mr Dimmick performed a neighborly office for us and Mr Brown butchered two calves which I went to town and dis tributed thus - Col Norton 28 lbs - Darius Clark,29 - Walter Clark 14, Col Merrill 13¾ and Hiram Hull 13¼ lbs - for 4 cents pr lb - I quarter went to Blazedell, weighing 13 lb 8 oz. I sold 4 lb 13 oz
351 butter to H. Fassett for which received 78¾ cents. Saw uncle S.Robinson there rigging or talking of going on a fishing party at Woodford pond - Bought 3 pints of Pickett's best rum at 2/0 the quart - Saw Stephen Rice there with his wife's sister - Spent an hour at the P.O. with Wm H. & U.M.R. - Looked at the Society Records & Chambers definition of Borough which in its modern English meaning is a place entitled to the privilege of sending 1 or 2 representatives to Parliament. Chauncey was sent to mill and to Olin and Colvins' where he received for us a five dollar bill for Flax seed which was 7 bhls in quantity, $7.00, their account for sawing about $2.00 Late P.M. commenced digging stone to build wall at the western extremity of the pasture above the S. meadow.

SATURDAY,JUNE 7th Pretty warm - flying clouds - wind a part of the day S. - toward night - N. - cool at night. Employ ed at digging stone. Walked with friend Erastus up street - staid some time at E.Waters' playing on the flute and fife - Henry Robinson with his sister Mary F. and M.Street were likewise there. Friday P.M. those ladies - Mrs Pliny Dewey, Semantha Robinson, and Albert Smith came down here - on a visit. On the first inst. the corn was generally cut down and other damage sustained, but fruit was thought not to be killed. Peaches were out of the question being all killed in the winter.

352 SUNDAY, JUNE 8th Cold in the morning - perhaps frosty in some places - pretty cool all day - wind N.W. - Aspect discouraging - Busy in the usual way - Had late Columbians to read - took a little walk near night with Sarah. Erastus, Chauncey and the girls ascended Mount Anthony to enjoy the prospect - They said the oak buds were killed by frost. See p. 347 Mr Martin preached.

MONDAY,JUNE 9th A kind of intermittent rain came on from S. & S.E which caused it to appear quite melancholy. We wished to pursue walling,but the weather prevented us, therefore I assisted S.Brown & Chauncey in literary matters. Read Wolcott's speech to the Legislature of Connecticut - Good except as to the Judiciary which he recommended to establish during good behavior.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10th Rained slightly in the morning - Wind strong from S.W. during the A.M. - Continued 'till 4 P.M.when there came up a heavy shower,which being over,a short interval ensued. It again commenced raining in large drops - from that it increased to a hard thunder shower - Rain continued all night. We turned out late to our work, which was walling, this morning - and I was called away in a fright by Sarah's prematurely sounding the dinner horn about 11 A.M. - Supposed that some of the family might be in distress, but happily my fears were groundless. During the shower in the P.M. assisted Chauncey in reading.

353 I selected for him the description of Bennington battlein Gordon - Sam Brown afterward joined with us in our literary pursuits. Erastus M. assisted us 2 or 3 hours in the P.M. at the wall. A growing season.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 Very foggy and rainy in the morning - the ground well soaked - Flying clouds - coolish - whiffling strong gusts from N.W. Erastus assisted all day at walling - Chauncey sick, but nevertheless so fond of pursuing his pleasures that he could not assist going a-hunting with S.Brown. Feeling anxious to obtain information respecting the choice of officers in Capt Burt's company,went down to capt Norton's for that purpose -mHowever did not see Lieut N. who could have rendered me the most correct account of those affairs. Saw & conversed with friend J. on the suject who was decidedly in favor of keeping up those who were elevated and permitting the humble to follow on if their behaviour should be tolerable. Friend J.happened to be on the frame with Capt Abel who took part in the colloquy. It appeared to him the most proper course as well as the most consistent to confer on Mr P. the Lieutenancy and let Mr B. come up Ensign. We indulged in some very free remarks during the discussion. Montague was there too.

THURSDAY,JUNE 12 Early in the morning and all the A.M.there blew a chilling breeze from N.W. - there might have been a frost in some places. P.M. much softened down - wind S. Apprehensions of frost dismissed. Began hoeing.

354 The corn was extremely low,although it had been planted more than a month. Erastus & S.Batt assisted. Went to Mr Brown's at night - borrowed his flute, saw him ride away on particular business - Had a walk and conversation with friend Dimmick on the pending election in our company; he agreed perfectly with me on all points - was particularly emphatic in speaking of such characters as are influenced by the rich & overbearing - made some very pertinent observations on the value of an unbought mind &c. - But if right information reached me subsequent to the election, his mind must have been very unstable, or he must have violated those principles which he had so lately defended. It was said that he and his hired man voted for G.Blackmer Lieut. Sam & Chauncey performed handsomely at spelling in the evening

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 Clear before sunrise - soon after, it began to haze over - about noon a moderate rain commenced which continued 2 or 3 hours,~~bu~~ then ceased,but held cloudy through the day -wind S. - Hoed till half past 11 A.M. Erastus in company. We then dined and prepared to attend training. Reached Capt Hills' in good season - The company was never more full - unarmed according to orders. Capt Burt's conduct was commendable - arrangements being - Col M.Norton being appointed teller - he (capt B.) led his company to the chouce of a new capt

355 who by a unanimous vote proved to be Lieut L.Norton - Now came on the tug,which,however,was soon decided in favor of Ensign Stephen Pratt Junr by a majority of 20 - 81 to 61 - This little election had excited no small share of interest in every part of the town - Mr Blackmer's conduct having procured him many enemies which occasioned his not rising by rotation the last election previous to this he and his friends calculated to have just retaliation and therefore had left no means untried to accomplish that end - Both Pratt & Blackmer were federalists, but the latter being thought to be an influential charaster in Shirkshire corner was more peculiarly the favorite of his party and received all the aid which the most vehement on that side could possibly give - accordingly we find the following gentlemen arranged under his banner - Capt S.Robinson Asahel Strong

Andrew Selden Esqr, Lyman Patchin, besides many in the company who really considered him as having been ill-used and in every respect entitled to the Lieutenancy. On the other hand those who supported the former saw no reason why he should not still be held up, from motives of consistency as well as of policy, which last was seized upon by the democrats, thinking thereby to weaken the federal paprty by intestine divisions. This however was not paramount with me - if I possessed good information respecting Mr B's management as orderly serg't I wanted no more weighty

356 reasons for opposing him and besides when he was appointed 3rd or 4th Serg't some years since I was present when he made a most fulsome display of rhetoric which at once betrayed an uncommon share of vanity - a quality that must have been noticed in him by everyone. Those that are known to me to have been Pratt's most active advocates were Capt C.Hills, Asker Wilcox and Wm Park. In the choice of ensign there was but little opposition to Mr Blackmer but he rather aggravated the matter by coming forward and, after thanking the company, stating that he was not prepared to state whether he would accept of the appointment or not, when it was considered he had suffered the loss of rank and that he must be at an expence of $150 to equip himself - at first he said he thought the law allowed a person 30 days for deliberation on the subject - however, in this he was corrected, someone telling him instead of 30 it was 10 days - he finally solicited but 15 minutes which was granted. Having consulted his friends he returned to the parade and informed the company that under existing circumstances he had thought fit to accept & serve them to the best of his ability as "commissionated" - A 4th Serg't and 4th Corp'l were chosen,who were Jed Dewey & Darius More who both very handsomely complimented their fellow soldiers on the occasion - Partook of none of the bounty but came home and supped with the family & Mrs Duncan.

357 SATURDAY, JUNE 14 It began late in the morning to rain and continued pretty steadily through the day - This prevented us from prosecuting hoeing. Went to town with veal & butter which were conveyed in a waggon - Sold of the former 12¼ lb to Hiram Hull - 13¼ lb to hatter Clark - of the latter 20lb to Henry Fassett for which he paid me $3.23" At D.Clark's got the papers - Visited the P.O. - heard Mr Merrill talking of Greek, Roman, Jewish, Egyptian & Chaldean history - Attempting to show that the former as well as the Romans shone in literature and the arts with borrowed lights &c. Came home about 1 o'clock P.M. - great part of which spent in adding up the am't of the sales of produce of the growth of 1816 which in the aggregate including stock and everything which I had been at pains to set down amounted to upward of $500.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15th Had continued raining most of the night,nor did it cease till past 9 this morning. The ground was soaked thoroughly and the springs and brooks were as high as in common spring floods - Was very busily engaged writing and reckoning up sales of produce - 1816. Late rains made things grow rapidly.

MONDAY, JUNE 16th Very cold in the morning - forepart of the day and at night - Flying clouds - Wind N.W. -Followed walling - Erastus went to work at Capt L.Norton's. Lydia Norton came up here this evening - a few jokes were passed innocently between us.

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358 TUESDAY, JUNE 17th Good weather - wind S. Clover had been in bloss om sometime - Daisies had lately blown out. Some appletrees still retained blossoms - Finished hoeing corn the first time, Sam Brown assisted & had Chauncey to play with to pay for it. Attended a meeting of the Social Society. Few were present - viz: Hicks, president Merrill, Brewer, U.M.Robinson, & Fisk. Brother Brewer brought forward a handsome address on Science - A resolution was passed to alter the Constitution respecting the decision of questions - Then came on the discussion of the Question - "Which was the most dangerous to government, the storm of Party, or a Calm." It was debated till half past 9 with considerable ability - I, to avoid exposing intellectual poverty took no part therein except having my name entered on the affirmative - Previous to the organization of the Society Mr Merrill stated dilated largely on his favorite Historical speculation respecting Moses, Solon, Jews, Greeks and Romans - P.357. Borrowed of the Gent'n Elegant Epistles and came home Let me now go back and bring up the rear. Mother & Lydia rode in Mr Brown's waggon to the Four Corners in the P.M. Uncle Z.Harwood and lady vidited here in the meantime.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 Wind S. - flying clouds - expected rain. Worked at that wall mentioned p. 352 Mr Ellis Doty who arrived here the preceding eve'g spent the A.M. buying rye which he carried to mill and had ground while he

359 talked busily of swapping horses with friend Parsons. At night I went to capt N's and bought half a bush'l of lime in the stone of L.Norton - paid him 20 cents - his price per bush'l 37½. Expected to have walked home with T.C.Parsons and Hiram House (the latter having lately arrived from Boston) but they would not wait for me - Therefore seeing friend J.N. at the shop door stood with my bag of lime on my shoulder a long time conversing with him in the most friendly and intimate manner. Our topics were the late military election, p.355, and the contrast between celibacy and matrimony, which as to the last we argued very clearly in our own favor. At home found Mr Brown & son & friend Parsons. Entered an endorsement of 10 dollars on a note which the former held against Mr Doty who was likewise of the company - Endorsement dated 3d Jan'y last.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 Rained in the morning - cloudy, w'd S. all day. Mr Doty sat out for home. Pursued the wall. Mr D. agreed to meet us at Perry's on the mountain to receive some young cattle which he engaged to pasture for0}/6 per head pr week. A footman with his wife and 4 children, eldest not yet 8 and the youngest but little more than seven months old took up lodgings here this night. The gentleman appeared to be nearly 40 - his lady said she was in her 32d year - His story was that he was cast away on board the ship

360 Ann Maria, of which he was Mate, on his passage from Canton when arrived within 9 leagues of Maderia, in a storm which had lasted 6 days - Of 11 persons he & 3 others were all that escaped a watery grave who having remained 4 days on parts of the wreck were providentially taken up and carried to Funchel M. from thence came to N.York - thence to Philadelphia where for a small debt (35 D's) which his lady had contracted in his absence (he having lost all his property in the wreck, which he stated to be $1600.) he was thrown into prison from which he was soon relieved by J.R.Livingston who paid the debt and made him a present of $10. They set out for Canada where both their father's resided who were rich and full of years, as they stated them to be almost 100 years old. They had proceeded to this

place on foot - expecting to march in that way to Cornwall, U.C. The wreck happened about the last of April - His name was John C.Stiles - Eldest daughter named Mary Ann - next in course were the twin sisters - all behaved very prettily -mIf the story was an imposition it was certainly a great pleasure to do good to these innocents - They seemed beggary and their appearabce confirmed it - They wished for nothing which they could not pay for - but for the little kindnesses which we rendered them nothing was taken as pay, although to gratify their feelings next morning, a pair of spectacles with an eye out & novel entitled the Democrat were accepted as presents.

361 FRIDAY, JUNE 20th Rather inclining to be warm & muggy - Just at night, wind S., or say between 4 & 5 P.M. there arose a sudden shower of rain which was accompanied with thund'r. Worked again at the wall - S.Brown lay about there in the A.M. P.M. he brought his gun and took Chauncey's place at picking up stone, while he took the gun to amused himself. Mrs Champney was here during the strom. Mr West arrived from Canaan in his 1 horse waggon. About 7 this morning our guests departed to pursue their journey. The man appeared, as did his lady, tombe greatly attached to the children; and surely such children are not often seen for they were so still - so free from mischief and prattled so sensibly that we could not help imbibing a strong preposession in their favor - even the babe shewed signs of uncommon brightness - in short they were modest well-bred people and returned sincere thanks for their reception here. At the moment of departure Mr S. was observed to have tears in his eyes, but they marched off with a light pace & cheerful countenances. His lady's maiden name was McDonald. Had resided in the U.S. 10 years.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 Still and cloudy - A.M. - About 1 P.M. began to rain slowly and continued till toward night - cleared off at night. Started at 6 this morning with 4 2 yr old steers to drive to Perry's on the E. mountain, distant 11 miles. S.Brown Junr & Chauncey in company - The former, poor boy, lay abed so late

362 that he forgot the expedition and had to start off without his break fast. While C. was waiting for him I kept along with the cattle and was overtaken by gentleman from Connecticut returning to his residence in Edinburgh, N.Y. Saratoga Co. Said the aspect was much at Hartford, as it was here, but rather more forward - He told me his age - 55 in March or April - a large stout built person - I say large I should be better understood if I said he exceeded the common size. Calculated to go home by way of Rupert where he had children and formerly resided - & knew capt Silas Harwood. In driving our little herd, we saw in the bushes beyond the furnace-road and this side of the elbow, considerable vexation by their taking frequent opportunities to run out either side of the way to get out of our clutches, but when arrived at the summit of the first ridge they gave us no farther trouble, and we safely & expeditiously reached landlord Perry's about half past 10 o'clock. While waiting for Mr Doty had considerable conversation with a young man belonging to Wilmington who had been to Moreau, N.Y. with his sister to visit friends - named Lorton - Our subject was chiefly cattle, breaking steers and driving oxen. He was about 19 but was troubled with a great impediment in his speech which resembled the sound of a person's voice when speaking with an apple kn his mouth - They rode in a 1 horse waggon, with a calash top. About 12 Mr Doty rode up in his 1 horse waggon

with his son Warner and a passenger whose name I think was Russell from Wilmington.

363 We dined on bread & cheese - drank cider together,which I paid for. 25 for 2 quarts - and after chatting some time and the boys having played briskly we took leave of each other - Mr Doty taking the cattle as agreed upon. He said when he left our house on Thursday morning he fell in company withnone of his neighbors whom he attended on a peddling trip and had not reached home till this morning - took breakfast and turned short about and came to Perry's as stated above.

Not long after we left P's it began slowly to rain - gradually increased 'till we arrived at Mr Libbeus Barney's a few rods above the Elbow" where we halted nearly an hour. Mr B. and I had formerly been school-fellows under H.A.Fay - therefore old acquaintance made us sociable of course - Stated his age to be 32 or 33 in April if I am correct - Said that they had 3 children - eldest 5 years - all girls - and the youngest was very troublesome being subject to fits.

It having slacked raining much, we marched for home - at the sharpest pitch above the Read place, found a coal waggon with one hind wheel broken down, which leads me to remark that the Turnpike in many places was bad - stony & muddy. It kept on raining slowly till we got home which was about half past 5 P.M., hungry, fatigued and sore.

Did not go by the meeting house to inform Mr P.Dewey as Mr Doty desired me,that he would pasture his young cattle for him (7h'd) but but I sent him word in a billet next day. Mrs Rice and daughter (Mrs Finton) were here on a visit. Sam B. Junr rendered essential service to me this day.

364 SUNDAY, JUNE 22d Warm & hazy - wind S. - Finished writing and then walked out reading Dr Johnson's Correspondence with Mrs Thiele- Strolled to L.Norton's new house - The chimney was raised a few feet higher than the fire-places and oven. Old Mrs Norton & Mrs Persis W. were there and mutually with me made remarks on parts of the building. Had some conversation with friend Luman and came home.

Married in Pownal,on the evening of June19th Mr James Buck to Miss Mary H.Campbell.

MONDAY, JUNE 23d Rained till past 9 in the morning - P.M. cleared off but was pretty wet under foot. A.M. shelled corn. P.M. father harnessed horses to waggon & rode to Stephen Harwood's on business, Chauncey & I mended fences on the S. or upper division of the S. meadow - Lydia House paid us a short visit. Mr West staid all night.

TOWB MEETING (Brought from p. 315).

March 26th., 1817 met at the usual place & hour & had prayers as customary and then without much debate proceeded the choice of officers, whose names with their opposing cabdidates follow.

Moses Robinson Esqr., Moderator -- 51 majority over S.B.Young
Aaron Robinson, Clerk ------ 39 maj'y Dr Wm Haswell

	Daniel McEowen		Chas Cushman
	Abaishia Kingsley	Selectmen by about	Elijah Fillmore
	Stebbins Walbridge	40 majority over	Solomon Gale
	Joel Stratton		Stephen Robinson
	Silas Walbridge		Giles Olin Jun'r
365	Stephen Hinsdill	Ist Constable over	Stephen Hinsdill
	Luther Park	2nd do do	Reub'n Colvin
	Solo' Safford	Treasurer over	David Fay
	Moses D. Robinson		Erastus Young
	Reub'n Brush		Asa Doty
	Green Blackmer	Listers Vs	Enos Rudd
	Lucius H. Gibbs		Willard Green
	Austin Harmon Jun		Isaiah Hendryx

The foregoing officers including others of minor importance were chosen the first day and the Meeting adjourned to Wednesday, April 2d - See p. 318. Our Moderator understood himself pretty well and as there was a handsome majority in his favor very little wrangling took place. Mr Hayes was however opposed when he presented himself, but was withnsome reluctance admitted to vote - Less exertion was made previous to this meeting than usual, butnparty spirit still prevailed as may be seen by turning to page 318. The names of those Jurors who were nominated by the Authority & rejected April 2d 1817 are as follows.

366 TUESDAY, JUNE 24th Fair,flying clouds - too wet & cold for corn. Finished our wall - See p. 352. It begins at the S.W.angle of the meadow and runs up a short hill to the end of the lane & in height 4 feet and about 3 feet wide at the bottom. Our young oxen had become very handy & stout by practicing here. West wen went off this morning to Lansingburgh. Read Johnson's Letters at night. Mother & Sarah at Parsons' P.M. Mr Eldred & lady there likewise.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 Fair but cool, 2/3d of the day - seemed some like old-fashioned summer, late P.M. - Hoed potatoes which looked well - Perused letters again at night.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 From 8 till in the evening rainy & pretty cold. There was talk in the morning of having our cellar wall pointed, but after deliberation it was given up. The barn was cleabed out abd I made a machine to fasten open the great gate which opens to the W - See p. 331 S.Brown Junr played ball with Chauncey, likewise Mr West arrived, but it is not correct as stated on Tuesday that he went to Lansingburgh. I know not where he went - It was a mistake writing it so - Letters again at night.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27th Foggy in the morn'g - little part of the day warm - cold night - Mr West pushed for Lansingburgh - owed us 66" - That fence E. side of the lane N. of the dry brook, taken down & laid over assisted by Erastus - P.M. he went to Morse's and we dug stone at the N. end of the rocks - Chauncey drew up old wood & fish'd.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28th A pretty cold morning - fair & cool all day. A.M.
367 dug stone at the N.end of the rocks with a view to drawing them in the winter - P.M. pulled up wild mustard in the barley wheat - and rye in the S.W. part of the winter wheat field where it bore good wheat which now had about commenced earing out - there were a great many scattering bunches of rye all over it and many bare spots which priduced nothing but weeds - I mean those spots were in other spots besides what we selected for seed - concluded that take it all together there would be a middling crop - wherever it had escaped the fangs of winter it looked very well - Rye in blossom - Erastus assisted at this as well as hoeing in the garden when we finished that - Chauncey had worked at Parsons' to pay for S.Batt's day on the 25th & at night went with me to choose him a new hat which I bought of Mr Clark at 7/0. Got papers at the printing office - paid U.M.Robinson a short visit - saw Nathan Harwood - and coming home met Col Fay - gave him a $2. N.Haven Bill to pay to Saxton Pickett - Band met & played in Algiers - Read papers. In regard to the wheatfield let me be fairly understood - that which was selected for seed is handsome even wheat - few or no barren places in it - but had as much or nearly as much rye as any part.

368 SUNDAY, JUNE 29th A sharp,chilly S.wind which seemed to be highly charg'd with vapors prevailed this day,which by degrees brought on a heavy rain in the night. All went to meeting but Sarah, myself and child. Pursued the usual task. Near eve'g father walked with me to capt Norton's to see friend E.Smith who had arrived the evening before from Attica, N.Y. But we did not see him, he being at his brother Loomis' or Pomroy's. Friend L. Norton introduced me to his brother-in-law Dan'l Rogers who called as he was on his way home in Hoosac from his father Loomis' - L.N. gave him some cabbage plants. Saw & spoke with his lady, with whom I have gone to school many a long summers day - Mr R. gave dreadful accounts of worms destroying corn. E. Smith we were told brought good news respecting crops at the West, which were extensive & luxuriant in the extrme - Worms did not appear till he had travelled about 100 miles, and then were not so bad as on this side the Hudson. Corn in general, such as had escaped the worms, was much as it was here - Fruit in many places fully cut off - Borrowed Ricketson on Health and came home.

MOMDAY, JUNE 30th Very rainy during the A.M. P.M. clear & Pleas't; W'd N.W.. A.M. read Ricketson. P.M. turned away a pair of Ap'l calves and dug stone at the N. end of the rocks. Erastus had horses & waggon to draw lime from L.Norton's & sand from the E. part of the town where it was very rough - used them about half a day.

TUESDAY, JULY 1st Rainy and cold in the A.M. Slushy unsteady weather about mid-day. Sleety & chilly in the P.M.
Hoed corn P.M.
369 Cousin Hiram Harwood & lady paid us a friendly visit this P.M. - At night rode with them to town. They appeared to think much of religion. H. had lately related his experience to the church - Attended the Social Society - The question under discussion was whether "Mankind enjoyed more happiness than misery." Mr Brewer opened the debste on the affirmative, followed by Williams on the negative. Then S.B.Young on the affirmative, whose eloquence pleased and acquired admiration, more than his arguments convinced. Then J. Hicks - Neg. in plain common sense, but good - next Merrill - affirm - smooth, fair and handsome - next U.M.Robinson - neg. - who after getting forward a lit tle, and diving more into the subject handled it very well - next -

Blackmer, on the same side, in a kind of droll, singular but summary way which was amusing as well as instructing - and last though not least, Heman Robinson - same side - Very eccentric but concise in his remarks, which were not misplaced and excited considerable mirth.

Previous to my getting in Col Merrill informed me that cousin U.M.R. had brought forward a summary of history, as his composition, agreeable to custom in the Society. About ten, adjourned to Tuesday next - 5 P.M..

It should have been observed on the 1st inst that of the wood-pile there remained on hand more than the quantity of courses 4 complete - exclusive of old rail stuff, of which there were two cart loads.

June had been extremely wet, and generally too cold for corn - Grass late but good.

370 WEDNESDAY, JULY 2d Good weather - low flying clouds - wind N.W. We presume corn might grow a little. Mr Parsons came up this morning and added a 5 dollar bill to the French crown which he had already paid toward 3 bhls rye at 7/5 and 1 bhl oats at 00.50" - altogether amounting to $4.25 which he had received on the 1st inst. Went to Mr Brown's to get the $5 bill changed, but he could not do it - so I borrowed a $2. bill of him, which was paid to Mr Parsons - leaving due from him 15 cents, Worked with steers, or rather with horses, steers and cart for E.Waters. Erastus Montague began laying foundation for his shop - 2d door N. of B.Squires' - 30 by 18 - they cut down 2 Lombardy poplars which had stood 9 years - the last of which measured 16 paces in length - These I drew to capt M.Robinson's door, the shop being calculated to stand on his land at $3. rent annually - Next went down the Gov. Robinson road, turned a few rods E. on the first right hand road within a short distance of the branch, and got a moderate load of sand. Chauncey in the meantime killed a trout in a little brook that boiled through the bank of the old Furnace Branch. Noon when we returned - dined at Mr W's - and, P.M. Erast. & I having dug a few stone, brought Dr Swift's stone boat from a distant part of his farm, drew those & what were already on the ground to the very spot for M's use, who likewise had me draw lime & water for his accommodation. Capt R. grumbled because my team unavoidably trampled on some of his grass in his meadow contiguous to the shop-ground. SawMr Godfrey riding on horseback with his lady behind him, she having with others visited B.Squire's. A.Robinson was present & had something to say about this & that. Came home about 9 in the
371 evening and wrote a letter to Theodosia Harwood, Attica, N.Y. In this surprise was expressed at her not sending word or a line by Mrs Smith but supposed an excuse for her in S. sudden departure. I had not yet seen Mr S. and did not know how the matter was - and wrote under the impression that he would leave town next morning - assured her of our friendship and good wishes, that we wanted to assist her all in our power, but times & circumstances prevented doing it now - I recollect but badly what I wrote - For news mentioned the death of Mr Marsh's eldest son at the Westward in or near Buffaloe - and the religious stir here - Likewise cousin Hiram Harwood's relating his experience &c

THURSDAY, JULY 3d Warm corn weather - a little cloudy & smoky - Father rode the old mare to town in the morning on particular business - Attended to hoeing - Mr Elisha Smith spent an hour with us at noon - Said friend 'Docia and family were well - Saw her, a few days previous to his coming here, at the Village,but she gave him neither letter nor word to bring to us. He said in that

town the people had become very selfish - everyone got what he could no matter how. He and his brothers, Luther and William, had taken a $450 job at clearing land with which they were likely to do well. This evening wrote a supplement to Theodosia's letter. Blamed her for not writing - exhorted her to compare her situation to others more distressed than herself, and thereby gain contentment, not be so discouraged. In the first part written on the 2d mentioned the money, (p.346) and requested to have an answer whether she had rec'd it.
372 Our visitants were this P.M.

FRIDAY, JULY 4th Fine corn weather. - smoky with flying clouds . Hoed corn. Heard reports of great guns from court house hill and places in the vicinity - at night drank pitcher of egg cider mixed by our little commodore,all of domestic manufact ure which went well. Mother, Lydia & Sally paid Mrs Waters an Independent visit. No celebration of note took place here;But the day was not forgotten - See Gaz. July 8th.

SATURDAY, JULY 5th Warm and some smoky. Grass thickened up fast. Finished hoeing corn the 2d time. Hiram Waters came to us about 11 and hoes with us because he wanted Chauncey to go hunting with him in the P.M.,which he did. Having worked awhile P.M. in the garden rode to town to get the young mare shod - nobody in the shop - went to see Col N. - found him distressed with a bad cough in consequence of his floor being swept - had just attended a Court as Justice - could do nothing in the shop - complained of ill health - enquiry was made for Martin - no one knew where he was,but to shorten the matter he did my work while I was busy elsewhere.
Visited the Gazette & Post Office; at the latter place read a letter of April 1816 to Judge Rob'n from a Tim'y Caldwell,Philadelphia,in reply to one from the former on Feb'y - Substance good - spelling bad. Saw a new List of P.O's & P.M's in the U.S. Trumbull Casey P.M., Batavia, N.Y. Gaius B. Rich - do - Attica, N.Y. Angel Whipple, do, Writsburg, O. Phineas Mixer,Gayuga Co. Ohio -D's

373 SATURDAY (SUNDAY) JULY 6th Warm S. wind which late in the night caused a thunder shower. Employed most of the day writing a long letter to Uncle Jonas. My sketch will be brief and imperfect. I began by stating that although he was silent, yet my patience was not exhausted - two letters were due from him - he must write soon - Took a view of our own crops and those of others. Corrected the story of A.Nobles boy which I wrote him was all hollow In writing that M.D.Robinson had reaped the fruits of matrimony, coupled my friend B.Green, which perhaps might not be correct. - acquainted him with Mr B. & Mrs S.R's progress. It went over a good deal of ground which I have not time nor room to go over again. Superscribed it in the usual form with the name of the P.M. at Madison and that he would do his duty - then enclosed it in a wrapper on which U.M.Robinson had written a list of town officers - 1817 - and superscribed it to the P.M. Madison (O) mentioning that it was not expected that the enclosed would go free of Postage - and requested him to give uncle J. the envelope.

MONDAY, JULY 7th Before we begin with this day let us finish the other. At night visited E.Smith at capt Norton's Saw J.Loomis Junr & J.B.Norton - Gave Mr S. the letters with directions what to do with them. He promised to go and see Theodosia and give her the letter and enquire in to her affairs - In friend J.N's room read my journal of the weather so as to compare climates - found them to agree well - P.Smith present. My father & I took a friendly

leave of Mr S. about 9 o'clock.

374 MONDAY, JULY 7th Warm,growing weather - Mr Brown butchered the 6th calf this season - I delivered to Dr Swift 18 lb veal - Mr Franklin Clark, 19½ lbs and to Darius Clark 20 lbs. Carried wool to Hills - borrowed L.Norton's old music book - This route was performed in friend P's waggon - P.M. with Sarah, child & Chauncey visited at uncle S.Robinson's. Passed the time pleasantly & agreeably reading the N.Y.Columbian - supped on trout which uncle S. had caught out of the R'g Branch - had no success at the Woodford pond. About 4 P.M. Etan A.Hopkins happened there in great haste & trouble, stripped to his shirt & pantaloons - At first did not recognize him. He appeared to be in great confusion, and earnestly pressed me to let him have my old mare to ride to town, which I refused to do - he said if I knew what his business was I should let him have her - asked him to explain what it was - he replied there was some fellows in pursuit of his horse and if he could get into town he might save it - I stuck to my text, the old mare being past her 19th year, the hill long and he in a most violent hurry, were good reasons for it. But he remained not long in suspense - a few rods on his way to the C.H. he met 2 men in a 1 horse waggon & a third on horseback riding with great speed - As he met them a short consultation ensued, after which they all pressed furiously toward the house which they entered without compliment, calling for pen, ink and paper, which were expeditiously produced - an instrument was instantly drawn up and signed by sd Hopkins, by which his horse was made
375 to one of the gentlemen who told me that he owed him $300 - that Mr H had conveyed his property, most of it, over N.Y. line - They cleared out for Paran Creek. We got home about sunset - Rode in P's waggon - Mr West arrived from Columbia County in his little double waggon drawn by his favorite span - A large stout built quakerly dressed man from the banks of the Walloomsac - 2 miles W. of the State Line - enquired for Mr W. - said his name was Barker - fruit &c killed down his way - Money was his object with Mr W. - Rode in a decent single carriage. Father attends prayer meeting.

TUESDAY, JULY 8th Rather rainy & chilly 2/3rds of the day - Father gave up going to Troy and attended a premature religious meeting - I say premature because they failed in arrangement. O - I am incorrect about the meeting, which took place on Wednesday We did choars about house - Stopped goose holes & father dug stone at the N. end of the rocks - a load of old wood was drawn up. Mr Ellis Doty, his friend Esqr Holmer, uncle Sam & Mr West talked till late in the evening disputing on Universalism.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th Fine, but rather coolishnweather. Doty who bo't 5 gallons of vinegar, departed with his friend for Wilmington. Father & mother attended service at the meeting house - Elder Robinson,Pownal,preached a good sermon - The girls picked geese. Sarah looked to her cross child. Chauncey pulled weeds in Mr Brown's spring wheat or oats with S.Brown.
376 I destroyed parsnips in the meadow and mowed a large spot of Canada Thistles in the pasture E. of the wheat field. West rode off in the morning, leaving with us $2. in cash. In consequence of receiving a letter from Dr Hopkins, which may be seen p. ,I went to gen'l Robinson's to know if Nobel Dewey's widow were on the Pension list. He examined it and found it not. Late in the eve'g before I reached home called at T.J.Hendryx's to hear him play on the flute - played some myself - Hell. U.M.Robinson & E.B.Brewer were present. When walking alone fifed Washington's March. Very late in the night uncle S.Rob-

inson came down to stay all night. Our child cried merrily.
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THURSDAY, JULY IO Fair - A.M. Wind N.W. P.M.w'd S.W. Uncle S. & father joined horses & went to Troy. About 8 in the morning went to work for Parsons drawing old tan-bark out of his ward into the highway in front of his shop, with steers & cart - the former doing well. Dimmick worked with us and it engaged us till past noon - P.M. his potatoes were ploughed & hoed out - abd a patch for turnips was ploughed with old Nancy - Six unoccupied vats were then cleared & scrubbed - Chauncey who brought rolls from Hills in A.M. was here in the P.M. The plank of the above vats was pounded down. Dimmick was not present P.M. Erastus in returning from Fuller's called. Mrs Street came to spinning wool.

377 FRIDAY, JULY 11 Hazy A.M. - cloudy and some rainy P.M. Began delaing with the potatoes as at P.366. About 5 P.M. father arrived from Troy, having traded there upon credit with R.P.Hart & Co to the am't of L6-7-11 Y'k - besides purchasing a saw and an augue which were paid for. Parsons on the 9th took away his mare to pasture at old Mr Green's.

SATURDAY, JULY 12 Warm & muggy A.M. P.M. about 2 came up a sudden heavy shower, with thunder - cleared off warm. Father & Erastus fastened up the fire-place & laid over the brick hearth at the other house in the S. room - We did not finish our potatoes - Wrote an answer to Judge Hopkins' letter in a consoling strain with reference to the Widow's case - Dictated in my parents name. With the steers drew a load of walnut wood from capt N's farm S. of our wheatfield - father assisted - Sent Chauncey to the P. Office with the letter. Hiram Waters visited me this eve'g with a young man late of the B.Army who was a good fifer - They staid late. Mr West stays with us.

SUNDAY, JULY 13th Hazy,some cloudy,coolish,a little rainy at night. Most of the folks attended service - Did my writing and read Columbians on the hay-mow in the barn, where I had a nap Messrs Bliss & Clark came to see us - Mr Spaulding preached - Hubbell, eldest son of Dan'l McEowen, was buried this day - Died of the consumption - aged about 13. Mr West kept Sunday here.

378 MONDAY, JULY 14th Fine,fair,clear day,wind N.W. Being at Dimmicks in the morning to borrow an axe played on & borrowed Mr B's flute & chopped off a few sticks of poplar for Dimmicks' folks to burn. Father went to Fuller's to have a pair of pantaloons cut out. After breakfast we concluded to have E.Waters come and frame a waggon-house - I posted away to see him about it - Could not come today, but would soon - said we must get all ready for him - Went to Col Norton's to get a chain which had been lately mended. Called at S.B.Y's - looked a little at books & maps - my business there was to find some Columbians, whichbhe had borrowed, but failed. Saw immense piles of other papers. H.Hall was there. Between 10 & 11 entered the woods, cut down 3 red oaks for rails, which we peeled. Chauncey was kept in town all the A.M. at Col N's to get a shoe fastened on the young mare - P.M. he & S.Brown Junr hoed 9 rows of potatoes, which finished them - A son of Israel Stark came to E.Waters' who reported well of aunt S's health - Lucinda Clark & others.
See p. 201 .

TUESDAY, JULY 15 Fine warm day - wind S. - Drew 2 loads of hem-

lock & pine boards from Cheats, Pownal, for E.Waters - S.Brown rode with me last load assisted about bringing a jug of molasses from Pickett's - Visited the printing office - got the Columb. of July 9th. Our hop beer was beer was brewed and put up in a brandy bbl - 4 qts & pint mol's put to 3/4 lb hops. Melissa Street went home in the morning. Mr West cleared out.

379 A connecticut tin pedlar - rank tory - aged 69 in Oct. 1817 dined with us - Our independence was matter of regret with him - Turner Hill paid me a musical visit this ev'g.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 Fine growing season - warm - Drew a 3rd load of boards from Choats for E.Waters - came round by way of Algiers - load being heavy - P.M. attended service at the meeting house - Seated in the first gallery pew - Brewer, AP's Harvey, and Ed Swift pew mates. Mr Pume a young man from Cambridge N.Y. preached smartly in an articulate, eloquent & impressive tone. He was followed by Mr Spaulding who did well but could not speak clearly enough for me Text 23d of Matthew 6th verse~~s~~ to the 18th - Retired to the P.O. - Read Chambers - Wrote a letter to Sophia Waters, Arlington. Complained in it of the heat of the place - Referred to former days and acquaintance. Sent compliments to friend Bingham Hill and lady, in which my lady & Lydia were united.

THURSDAY, JULY 17 A very warm day, more so than any known for three or 4 years - Corn could not grow faster. Began hoeing corn 2d time - We generally attended a religious meeting at capt Norton's - Mother took care of the child. Mr Spaulding preached from Matthew 11th C. 12th Verse, very well - Mr Marsh followed with an exhortation - alluding to the death of his son Stephen & the backwardness of the S. part of the town in religion &c; Bingham made remarks and prayed - a young man (stranger) next took the floor, gave it to us roundly and flatly - a few words more from Marsh and prayer from Spaulding , ended the meeting. Too lengthy.

380 FRIDAY, JULY 18th Most extremely warm - More so than had been experienced for several years. See Gaz. July 23rd. Corn as well as everything else of the vegetable kind never was known to grow more rapidly - it measured without stretching up the leaves from 18, 24 to 30 inches high - Finished hoeing the field W. of the barn - In consequence of drinking too freely of water I was ill at night. A glass of egg cider could not remove the complaint, although it was very good. E.Waters came down with his friend Strak to see if we would employ him in haying - a bargain was struck between him & father. Oats were eared out & flax was in bloom.

SATURDAY, JULY 19th Pretty warm, but less so than on the 18th. Father and Chauncey with assistance from S.Brown Junr finished the 3rd hoeing at noon - P.M. they piled that bark mentioned p. & the boys hoed potatoes in the garden. I was ill all the A.M. but towards evening yoked my steers and drew the cart to Col Norton's to get some little repairs done. Found Martin and Elijah busy in the shop - they did not think they could attend to my work unless their father could assist. He was at the house. I went to see him. Found him conversing with an elderly gentleman whom I did not know. a bottle of spirits stood on the table which I observed him, the stranger to use now abd then - I asked the Col. about thr work, he said he was very lame and then related how badly hurt he was on Friday by receiving a violent blow on his right knee - At length looked at the cart - could not do it just then.

381 As usual when in town visited the P. & Gaz. offices. At the latter saw friend S. Clark who had nearly finished binding my blank journal and Bigland. Got the Columbian of June 21st and July 12th in the last of which was an able speech by Sir Francis Burdett on Parliamentary Reform.

SUNDAY, JULY 20th Warm A.M. - some rainy P.M. which caused it grow cooler. Not enjoying the brightest health divided my time between fixing off the folks to meeting, reading , sleeping and writing. Mr Parsons, Jonathan R. and myself had consulted together about riding to Hoosick but found ourselves unable to put our plans in force. Between 9 and 10 in the evening several young gents and ladies came in - Aaron D. Robinson & Franklin D.Blackmer at their head.

MONDAY, JULY 21st Fair and a little cool - Wind N.W. Never did corn vegetate more rapidly than during the last 10 or 12 days - nor did corn alone partake of this glorious and wonderful increase, but everything belonging to the vegetable race flourished with almost unexampled luxuriance. Mr Stark and father dissolved their bargan about his working here a month - We moderately commenced haying - Mr Stark displayed his good skill at mowing, as he already had done at telling long, lengthy and incredible stories. He went to the raising of E.Waters' shop and V.D.Speigles' barn framed by E.Waters - Ret'd here in the ev'g with friend Erastus. Father & I employed P.M. mending barn floor - Smith a softly old Rhode Islander staid here at night.

382 TUESDAY,JULY 22d High S. wind, rainy but clear at night - the old waggon rack was repaired - Cart mended &c. Mr Stark related that he had read in Lewis & Clark's tour up the Missouri of a tree which they stated to be 700 feet high. I mention this as an emample of our young friends moderation in his common conversation. At night or late P.M. Father went to a conference at Capt Nortons' - I happened at Parsons' - Saw Dr H. Swift there - Afterwards went with Stark to Dimmicks - where he engaged to work next day upon trial - Saw a tin pedlar there from Wallingford, Connecticut.

In the evening Ishmael Titus a man of color from Pownal appeared with a bull in lieu of horse to carry his baggage which consisted of such things as people had charitably bestowed on him. Mr Parsons and his brother Seth were here and carried on a high joke with him respecting his bull.

WEDNESDAY,JULY 24 Fair and comfortably cool - high jerking wind,N.W. Flying clouds - The old negro who had froze off both great toes some years since, departed this morning in peace. Walking through the woods this morning to find the young mare my thoughts were much employed in surveying past scenes in which my departed uncle Ira and myself had enjoyed innocent and youthful pleasures. Father went to cousin Stephens' and brought away 2 new 12 qt pails and other things - bought nails, spikes, gimlet &c. in town - The cart was rigged - hay taken care of - Mother went to Duncans - Read paper at night - Adaline restless at night.

383 THURSDAY,JULY 24th Cool and likely for rain A.M. P.M. hazy. Ev'g cool - That bit of ground mentioned p. which produced handsome clover was mowed - and the hay close to the barn got in Stark ground at the pocket Furnace 2 new scythes for us - Mother, Lydia

Mrs Street and Sally made an entertaining, agreeable and merry visit at Mr House's who had recovered his health almostmentirely. Mr & Mrs French came here with a subscription for a stove to the meeting house,by the ladies - Mother signed 75 cents. Wrote one page of a letter to Sophia Waters which contained an argument in favor of old maids. Melissa Street was here at eventide.

FRIDAY, JULY 25 Very fine hay-weather - Wind N.W. till sun 2 hrs high when it veered S. We boldly attacked our grass with considerable force this morning, which consisted of E.Montague, Obadiah Stark and myself. About 11 A.M. rum was called for of which M. would drink none. P.M. Montague went away, leaving Mr S. to mow by himself. His intemperance, empty bombast, ill execution of his work and rough unpolished manners were enough to satisfy us what sort of character he was. He constantly related so many inconsistent and foolish accounts of himself that nothing could be told by him, or in other words nothing could be gathered from him to be depended on - In short he had been a sailor, a soldier - (musician) 18 months and worked in a distillery 2 winters and was now but little more than 21 - Appeared to possess some mechanical ingenuity as well as agility in leaping &c. His father's residence was in Lee, N.Y. - a good citizen. Drew in our clover in excellent order, of which there was about 1½ tons.

SATURDAY, JULY 26 As fine a hay day as ever was seen - middling warm- Our work went on smoothly - Erastus worked here all day and J.Rogers from 11 A.M. till night - Got in 6 loads of hay with the steers, which performed well. Paid Stark 75 cents and he rode to Hoosick.

384 SUNDAY, JULY 27th Fine,warm and fair,but cool in the morning.

I omitted mentioning on Saturday that I sent off Sophia's letter,or my letter to Sophia W. filled out with such materials as were at hand - that I would not make merry with sacred things - that I had not joined the C--h and if ever that should take place I should be well established in my mind.

Told her as long as she enjoyed the society of Bingahm, Clarissa abd Laura she would have a great magazine of pious & odd phrases to resort to &c &c &c.

Mrs Hills herself was bearer.

On Sat'y too a brave visit was made by Morher, Mrs Street and Sarah at Pliny Dewey's.

Having read a letter or two in Elegant Epistles and written my usual task took Rickertson in my pocket and walked to capt. Norton's about mid-day. Conversed awhile about the capers which the joiners had played off upon Silas Wood, and his retort.

Mr Wood possessed no penetration and hardly passed at par - They, the N's,wished to rid themselves of him, having engaged him at 9 D's pr month but which they found he would not earn by 1 half.

Friend John condescended to walk with me - I calculated when I started ~~for home~~ from home to go without company and visit the scite of the old road S. of Wid. Billings', but my friend not feeling very well it was given over and we proceeded no farther than 2 beech shades a few feet S. of the 3 mile stone, where we rested and read

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papers - but the musquitoes bit so bad thatnwe were glad to clear out and set our faces toward home.

In this excursion saw many objects which reminded me of my juvenile days.

Supped with J. and his lady after viewing the progress of the new house - p. 337 - Sent Chauncey down when I got home to get my spectacle cases which I left under those shade